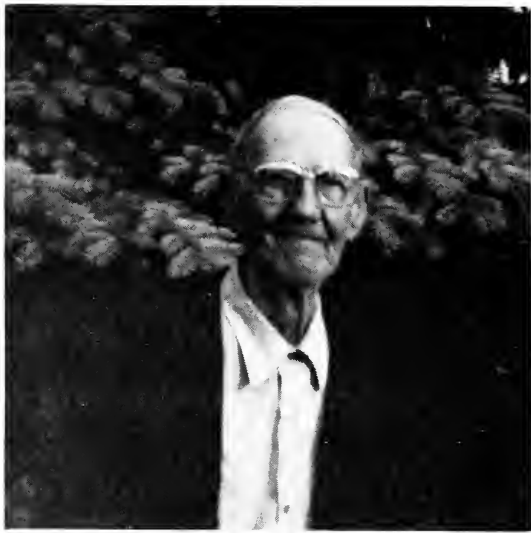


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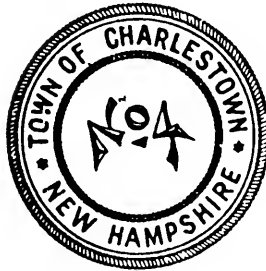
The Town of Charlestown is pleased to dedicate this year's Annual Report to Lovell Comstock, Charlestown native since 1910, who is presently serving his 48th consecutive year as Trustee of Trust Funds for the Town. Lovell has also held the position of Silsby Library Trustee for 15 years. His interests outside the public sector include membership in the Masons for about 40 years and Trustee and Honorary Member of the Springfield Hospital.

In 1996, Lovell was honored with the "Service Above Self" award by the Charlestown Rotary, of which he was a charter member.

As a businessman and owner, with his wife Charlene, of "Sunnyfields" Greenhouse since 1927, Lovell donates countless plants and flowers to church bazaars, holiday tables at Senior Meals and a multitude of town functions. For over 50 years, he has planted the old watering trough in front of the Silsby Library as a gift to the town.

Lovell enjoys imparting snatches of historical data, long forgotten by many in the community, and can always be counted on to leave you smiling, whether he is delivering one his splendid geraniums or one of his equally colorful jokes.

ANNUAL REPORTS
**of the Selectmen
and
Other Town Officers**
CHARLESTOWN, N.H.



**For the Year Ending
December 31, 1996**

PLEASE BRING THIS ANNUAL REPORT WITH YOU
TO TOWN MEETING, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997

OFFICIAL OFFICE HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Weekdays: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., except holidays. Tel. 826-4400, Fax 826-5181

SELECTMEN MEET - Community Room, First and third Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M.

TOWN CLERK

Monday: 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 1:30 to 6:00 P.M. Tel. 826-5821

Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and
1:30 to 4:00 P.M., except holidays

TAX COLLECTOR - same hours as Town Clerk

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Tel. 826-5266

Wednesday by appointment

PLANNING BOARD

Community Room, First and third Tuesdays, 7:00 P.M. Tel. 826-5368

TRANSFER STATION

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Tel. 826-3201

Saturday: 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Winter: 7AM to 5PM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Community Room, Fourth Thursday of each month: 7:30 P.M.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

First Wednesday of each month: 7:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

Police, Ambulance and Fire 911

(Police Department - non-emergency 826-5747)

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen	Robert W. Stone	1997
	Jon B. LeClair	1998
	Robert T. Frizzell	1998
Administrative Assistant	Marianne S. Marsha	Appointed
Health & Human Services	Marianne Peterson	Resigned
	Deborah Freeman	
Chief of Police	Michael S. Burnham	Appointed
Animal Control Officer	James Ittem	Resigned
Treasurer	Mary R. Gray - Retired	August, 1996
	Joan Kuncik - Appointed	1997
Town Clerk	Debra J. Clark	1999
Tax Collector	Debra J. Clark	1999
Health Officer	Gaston V. Tanguay	1997
Moderator	Omer C. Ahern Jr.	1998
Supervisors of Checklist	Doris Blodgett	1998
	Joan Kuncik	2000
	Cathy Boivin	2002
Planning Administrator	Marianne S. Marsha	Appointed
Trustees of Trust Funds	Lovell E. Comstock	1997
	David T. Henry	1998
	Barbara Jones	1999
Cemetery Trustees	Mary R. Gray	1997
	Victoria Sargent	1998
	Dona Mates	1999

Librarian	Lois Cook	Appointed
Library Trustees	Ruth Smith, Treas.	1998
	Robert Esdon	1997
	Dona Mates	1997
	Richard Rumrill	1997
	Katherine Moore	1998
	Jeffrey Lessels	1999
	Jenny Stone	1999
Trustees-Medical Assoc.	Steven Neil	1997
	Brenda Ferland	1998
	Kenneth Place	1999
	Jon B. LeClair - ex officio	
Fire Chief	Gary Wallace	1997
Ambulance Director	Jon Bailey	
Emergency Mgt. Dir.	Gary Wallace	

TOWN COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Kennith Champney	1997
Steven Neill	1997
Irene Domini	1997
Elaine VanVelsor	1998
Normand R. Beaudry	1998
Fred Poisson	1998
Oscar Makinen	1999
Omer Ahern Jr.	1999
Robert Beaudry	1999

Recreation Committee

Dan Champney, Chair	1998
James Campbell	1997
Barry Kinne	1997
Susan B. Ahern	1997
Michael Allen	1997
Tracey Smith	(resigned)
Dennis Thompson	1997
Mark Robbins, Sr.	1998
Robert Bailey	1999
Cathy Boivin	1999

Recreation Director

Rick Crowe

Highway Advisory Bd

Kennith Champney	1997
Michael Beaudry	1997
Walter Piletz Jr.	1997
Robert Davis	1997
Robert Beaudry	1997
Scott Sweet	1997
Robert Stone - ex officio	

Planning Board

Roger Thibodeau	1997
Aare Ilves	1997
Kennith Champney	1998

Henry Ferland	1998
Sharon Francis	1999
Francis McKane Sr.	1999
Robert Frizzell - ex officio	

Alternates:

Gail Fellows	1997
Daniel McPherson	1998
Diane Lessels	1999

Zoning Bd of Adjustment

Kenneth Place	1997
Eric Lindblade	1998
Barbara Jones	1998
William Brys	1999

Alternates:

Oscar Makinen
James Bushway

Conservation Commission

Chris Spaulding	(resigned)
Doug Scott	
Gary Bascom	
Deborah Stone	
Dean Bascom	
Robert Stone - ex officio	

Alternates:

Edna Farrell
Barbara Brown

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
1997 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs,

TAKE NOTICE AND BE WARNED that the First Session of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Charlestown, New Hampshire, will be held at the Charlestown Elementary School gymnasium, on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, commencing at 7:00 P.M., to transact the following business: To discuss and to propose amendments to the 1997 Budget and Warrant.

Thereafter, on Wednesday, March 19, 1997, commencing at 7:15 P.M., in the Community Room of the Municipal Building, 26 Railroad Street, there will be a public hearing on the results of the first session.

Finally, on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, voting will be by Official Ballot, on all warrant articles, in the Community Room of the Municipal Building, 26 Railroad Street, commencing at 8:00 A.M. Voting will conclude at 7:00 P.M. unless the Town Meeting votes to keep the polls open to a later time.

ARTICLE 1. To elect the necessary Town Officers, for their respective terms .

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #1.

The official copy of Amendment #1 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #1 will correct street names, add/delete/correct text for purposes of clarification, revise zone district titles and include a statement of purpose for each of the zoning districts."

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #2 .

The official copy of Amendment #2 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #2 will expand Zone A to East Street on the east and to 250' west of North West Street Extension, North West Street and 300' west of South West Street, on the west (excepting those areas which are designated as Zone B) and will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the set-backs for the zone in Section 8.5.1."

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #3.

The official copy of Amendment #3 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #3 will add the areas within Crown Point Heights and Hidden Valley to the residential Zone A-1 and will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the set-backs for the zone in Section 8.5.2."

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #4 (vote by Official Ballot).

The official copy of Amendment #4 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #4 will add a large-lot residential Zone A-2, between East Street and Birch Drive, and will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the set-backs for the zone in Section 8.5.3."

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #5.

The official copy of Amendment #5 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #5 will add an area bounded by River and Bridge Streets, between the railroad track and Main Street, and an area 125' deep on the south side of Sullivan Street, running from Main Street to East Street, to the Business Zone B, and will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the set-backs for the zone in Section 8.5.4."

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #6.

The official copy of Amendment #6 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #6 will include provisions for cluster zoning, on lots over fifteen acres in size, and will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the set-backs of for Zone E, in Section 8.5.7."

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #7.

The official copy of Amendment #7 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #7 will add a Village Residential and Agricultural Zone E-1, in North Charlestown, and will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the set-backs for the zone in Section 8.58."

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #8.

The official copy of Amendment #8 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #8 will add an Industrial/Business Zone F-3 bounded by Cardinal Haven and Morway's Mobile Home parks, Route 12 and Old Claremont Road, and will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the building heights and set-backs for the zone, in Section 8.5.9.1, will require that all projects meet the development standards within the Site Plan Review Regulations, and will add requirements to the Performance Standards of Section 8.5.9.3 which will require positive findings that a project's traffic safety, lighting, particulate matter, radiation and potential for contamination of ground or surface water would not be detrimental to the neighborhood."

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment 9.

The official copy of Amendment #9 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #9 will add an Industrial/Business Zone F-4, in North Charlestown, bounded by land of the Boston & Maine Railroad, Maxham and Lufkin and the New England Central Railway on the east, Gowen's Crossing Road and land of Putnam Farms on the south, and, in Section 8.5.9.1, will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the building heights and set-backs for the zone, will require that all projects meet the development standards within the Site Plan Review Regulations, and will add requirements to the Performance Standards of Section 8.5.9.3 which will require positive findings that a project's traffic safety, lighting, particulate matter, radiation and potential for contamination of ground or surface water would not be detrimental to the neighborhood."

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #10.

The official copy of Amendment #10 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #10 will add an Industrial/Business Zone F-5, in North Charlestown, bounded by Route 12A, land of Rahbany, the Connecticut River and the Claremont City line, and , in Section 8.5.9, will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the building heights and set-backs for the zone and will add requirements to the Performance Standards of Section 8.5.9.3 which would require positive findings that a project's traffic safety, lighting, particulate matter, radiation and potential for contamination of ground or surface water would not be detrimental to the neighborhood."

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #11.

The official copy of Amendment #11 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #11 will revise Section 8.4.1 to provide for development of lots and changes to and expansion of uses made non-conforming by zoning changes, with the exception of those deemed a hazard to drinking water supplies."

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #12.

The official copy of Amendment #12 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #12 will revise Section 8.4.2 to require removal of vacated manufactured homes, not connected to approved sanitary facilities and not having a permit for use as storage facilities, to be removed within thirty days."

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #13.

The official copy of Amendment #13 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #13 will, in Section 8.4.3, require demolition permits for the removal of buildings or portions thereof in all zones and in Section 8.7.2 -Enforcement."

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #14.

The official copy of Amendment #14 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?"

Amendment #14 will, in Section 8.4.4, allow owners of a property split by a zone to elect the zoning of either of the abutting districts for that area lying within 75' of the zone boundary."

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #15.

The official copy of Amendment #15 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #15 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?"

Amendment #15 will, in Section 8.4.9, prohibit placement of manufactured housing in the designated National Historic District on Main Street."

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #16.

The official copy of Amendment #16 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #16 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?"

Amendment #16 will add Section 8.4.10 prohibiting placement of fences or plantings which would hinder the visibility of the traveling public and will require that fences and storage sheds not infringe on neighboring properties ."

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #17.

The official copy of Amendment #17 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #17 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?"

Amendment #17 will require that all site plans, including those for municipal buildings and structures, meet or exceed the Development Standards, relating to access,

egress, lighting, noise, traffic, buffers, emissions, etc., contained within the Town of Charlestown Site Plan Review Regulations."

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #18.

The official copy of Amendment #18 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #18 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #18 will prohibit placement of manufactured homes in Zone A."

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #19.

The official copy of Amendment #19 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #19 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #19 will set minimum lot sizes of two acres in Zones E and E-1 in Sections 8.5.7 and 8.5.8."

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #20 (vote by Official Ballot).

The official copy of Amendment #20 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #20 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #20 will add an area previously Zoned A, Lying between South Main Street and the railroad tracks, south of the A Zone at Paris Avenue and Lower Landing Road, running to the so-called south underpass, to Zone E, and will clarify the uses and densities permitted and specify the set-backs for the zone in Section 8.5.7."

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #21.

The official copy of Amendment #21 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #21 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #21 will add Section 9, Drinking Water Protection Ordinance to the Zoning Ordinance, as an overlay zone."

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #22.

The official copy of Amendment #22 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #22 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #22 will amend the Town of Charlestown Building Code, to adopt by reference the most recently adopted National building, fire, life safety, electric and plumbing codes, and to set permit fees from which the Building Inspector shall be paid."

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as follows:

"Are you in favor of the Zoning Amendment as submitted to the Charlestown Planning Board, by residents of the Beaudry Development, for amending the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

The petition asks that the section of the Town of Charlestown, commonly referred to as the 'Beaudry Development, which includes Michael Avenue, Ann Avenue, Thomas Avenue, Emile Avenue and Coral Avenue, be changed in designation in the Zoning Regulations from Zone E to Zone A-1, Rural Residential."

By petition

The Planning Board Supports this Article

ARTICLE 25. Shall the provisions for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town, of Charlestown under RSA 40:13 be limited to election of officers and certain other questions?

By Petition

3/5 vote required.

ARTICLE 26. To hear the reports of the various Town Officers and to take proper action thereon.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by the Town Tax Collector's deed, either at a public auction or by advertised, sealed bids, as provided by RSA 80:42-II.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, money from the state, Federal or other governmental unit or private source, which becomes available during the fiscal year, to be used for the purposes for which the Town may legally appropriate money and in accordance with and pursuant to the requirements of RSA 31:95-b.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of taxes, to pay current maintenance and operational expenses, as provided in RSA 33:7 of the Municipal Finance Act.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,466,548, which represents \$1,968,960, for the Town operating budget, \$326,743, for the Water Fund budget and \$170,845, for the Sewer Fund budget.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of conducting the first half of a complete reappraisal of the Town, with a similar appropriation to be requested, for the completion of the contract, in 1998.

The Selectmen do not support this appropriation.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to \$750,000, in order to undertake the renovation of, additions to and improved handicap accessibility of the municipal/library building and so-called Bakery Building and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

2/3 vote required.

The Selectmen support this appropriation.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,648, for the support of Southwestern Community Services, for assistance provided to Charlestown residents.

The Selectmen do not support this appropriation.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$15,000 to help purchase or acquire a building and or make necessary building alterations for a much needed Charlestown Senior Citizen Center.

By Petition.

The Selectmen do not support this appropriation.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Fort at No. Four for the Siege of 1747 reenactment and to allow for free admission of the citizens of Charlestown for the Siege in July of 1997 and for the season of 1997.

The Selectmen support this appropriation, 2Y, 1N.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the appraisal of all utilities within the Town.

The Selectmen do not support this appropriation.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the voters will amend the Town's elderly exemption.

An article will be placed on the official ballot of the second session of the Annual Meeting as follows:

"Shall we amend the property tax exemption for the elderly? The exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, shall be \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$20,000, based upon the age of the homeowner. Ages which correspond to the stated exemptions are 65-70, 70-75 and 75 and older respectively, To qualify, a person must be at least 65

years of age, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, and must own and occupy the real estate, individually or jointly, as their primary place of residence. If the real estate is owned by a spouse, the couple must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400, or, if married, a combined net income not exceeding \$20,400 and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000, excluding the value of the person's residence."

ARTICLE 38. To see if the voters will adopt an exemption for the totally and permanently disabled.

An article will placed on the official ballot for the second session of the annual meeting as follows:

"Shall we adopt an exemption for the totally and permanently disabled? The exemption, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, shall be \$10,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years and own and occupy the real estate, individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400, or, if married, a combined net income not exceeding \$20,400 and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence."

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be paid into the Community Recreational Facility Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1995 pursuant to RSA 35:1, for the construction of a community recreational facility.

The Selectmen do not support this appropriation.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the Town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property.

ARTICLE 41. To see it the Town will vote to contract for the provision of dispatching services for its Police Department.

ARTICLE 42. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, 1997.

Robert W. Stone,Chairman
Jon B. LeClair
Robert T. Frizzell

BUDGET FOR 1997

	<u>97 BUDGET</u>	<u>96 ACTUAL</u>	<u>96 BUDGET</u>
<u>General Gov't</u>			
Executive	\$47,647	\$46,397	\$48,940
Elect. & Reg.	\$4,492	\$5,088	\$5,418
Fin. Admins.	\$125,378	\$121,935	\$124,186
Legal Expense	\$16,000	\$32,679	\$10,000
Pers. Admins.	\$3,021	\$8,844	\$8,847
Pl. & Zoning	\$29,668	\$26,312	\$25,666
Buildings	\$72,284	\$79,231	\$77,149
Cemeteries	\$49,817	\$51,723	\$55,405
Prop/Liab Ins.	\$44,500	\$41,404	\$55,000
Reg. Assoc.	<u>\$13,657</u>	<u>\$13,430</u>	<u>\$13,344</u>
Total Gen. Gov't.	\$406,464	\$427,043	\$423,955
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police Dept.	\$327,588	\$313,742	\$320,000
Ambulance	\$25,897	\$21,815	\$24,223
Fire Dept.	\$51,420	\$52,504	\$45,452
EMT	<u>\$35,433</u>	<u>\$35,685</u>	<u>\$36,338</u>
Total Pub. Safety	\$440,338	\$423,746	\$426,013
<u>Public Works</u>			
New Construction	\$150,000	\$145,123	\$150,000
Roads & Streets	\$345,740.00	\$341,434	\$343,139
Street Lighting	\$21,000	\$20,231	\$22,000
Transfer Station	<u>\$298,174</u>	<u>\$302,812</u>	<u>\$303,239</u>
Total Public Works	\$814,914	\$809,600	\$818,378
<u>Health & Welfare</u>			
Animal Control	\$1,500	\$3,522	\$5,500
Health Agencies	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
Health Officer	\$717	\$706	\$900
General Assist.	<u>\$28,166</u>	<u>\$24,933</u>	<u>\$31,222</u>
Total Hlth. & Welf.	\$62,383	\$61,161	\$69,622

	<u>97 BUDGET</u>	<u>96 ACTUAL</u>	<u>96 BUDGET</u>
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Culture & Recr.

Parks & Recr.	\$31,677	\$22,936	\$26,527
Library	\$63,224	\$59,138	\$63,224
Patriotic Exps.		\$300	\$300
Conserv. Comm.	<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$565</u>	<u>\$600</u>
Total Cult. & Recr.	\$95,501	\$82,939	\$90,651

Total Debt Service	\$57,360	\$55,862	\$48,385
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Capital Expend.	\$92,000	\$92,135	\$93,838
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,968,960	\$1,952,486	\$1,970,842
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REVENUES

Taxes

Land Use	\$2,500	\$4,959	\$10,500
Yield Taxes	\$6,000	\$8,527	\$15,000
Payments in Lieu	\$8,000	\$2,190	\$2,000
Interest & Penalties	<u>\$201,825</u>	<u>\$205,997</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
Total Tax Revenue	\$218,325	\$221,673	\$177,500

Licenses/Permits/Fees

UCC Filings	\$3,850	\$3,813	
Motor Veh. Fees	\$390,000	\$402,993	\$333,000
Building Permits	\$1,400	\$1,395	\$1,200
Other Fees/Fines	<u>\$12,925</u>	<u>\$14,133</u>	<u>\$18,500</u>
Total Lic/Perm/Fees	\$408,175	\$422,334	\$352,700

Revenue from Gov'ts.

Federal Gov't.	\$25,000	\$22,062	\$21,700
Shared Revenue	\$90,000	\$236,136	\$90,000
H'way Block Grant	\$106,938	\$97,719	\$97,719
State/Fed. Forest	\$1,801	\$1,952	\$1,300
NH Railroad Tax	\$13,000	\$13,472	\$8,500
NH Misc. Revenue		<u>\$13,230</u>	
Total Gov't Revenue	\$236,739	\$384,571	\$219,219

	<u>97 BUDGET</u>	<u>96 ACTUAL</u>	<u>96 BUDGET</u>
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Revenue from Depts.

Selectmen's Off.	\$1,500	\$1,752	\$1,700
Cemetery	\$4,000	\$4,045	\$5,120
Planning Board	\$100	\$919	\$400
Police	\$600	\$1,550	\$1,500
Fire		\$1,403	\$500
Ambulance	\$15,000	\$20,570	\$15,000
Highway		\$74	\$120
Recreation	\$5,000	\$5,216	\$6,000
Health & Human Services		\$890	\$500
Transfer Sta.Fees	\$55,000	\$56,195	\$57,000
Recycling	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$3,504</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
Total Inc. from Depts	\$84,700	\$96,118	\$90,840

Other Income

Sale of Mun. Prop.		\$895	\$3,500
Interest	\$7,000	\$7,707	\$7,500
Rents	\$3,000	\$4,625	\$7,200
Insurance	\$18,000	\$27,031	\$15,000
Miscellaneous		\$841	\$3,000
Trust Funds	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$21,545</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
Total Other Income	\$50,000	\$62,644	\$61,200

Total Anticipated

Revenue	\$997,939	\$1,187,340	\$901,459
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SEWER FUND

Sewer Expenditures

Public Works Dir.	\$7,500		
Permanent Empls.	\$36,365	\$35,794	\$35,712
Treasurer	\$500	\$500	\$500
Comm's. Payroll	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Overtime	\$3,000	\$4,514	\$2,856
Tax Collector	\$2,200	\$2,173	\$2,272
Health Insurance	\$6,300	\$7,334	\$10,360
Disability Ins.	\$320	\$174	

	<u>97 BUDGET</u>	<u>96 ACTUAL</u>	<u>96 BUDGET</u>
FICA	\$2,775	\$2,777	\$2,503
Medicare	\$650	\$649	\$586
Retirement	\$1,600	\$1,364	\$1,187
Unemployment	\$27	\$27	\$25
Workers' Comp.	\$1,145	(\$152)	\$651
Telephone	\$1,550	\$1,531	\$800
Lab Fees	\$3,000	\$2,638	\$2,500
Electricity	\$20,000	\$18,713	\$22,000
Heat & Oil	\$3,000	\$2,360	\$3,500
Building Maint.	\$10,000	\$9,703	\$4,000
Prop/Liab/Veh. Ins.	\$5,000	\$3,266	\$5,000
Line Maintenance	\$9,700	\$7,906	\$9,700
Alarms/Monitoring	\$800	\$709	\$1,300
Office Supplies	\$700	\$533	\$800
Postage	\$350	\$343	
Equipment	\$5,500	\$3,818	\$7,000
Gas/Diesel	\$1,450	\$1,461	\$1,200
Lagoon Maint.	\$4,000	\$3,536	\$4,300
Vehicle Expense	\$800	\$786	\$1,000
Uniforms	\$1,050	\$1,044	\$800
General Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,570	\$4,000
Weed Kill	\$1,300	\$1,227	\$1,000
Schools	\$400	\$305	\$300
Debt Service	\$27,563	\$28,788	\$30,000
Sewer Tests	\$3,500	\$2,170	\$3,000
Chemicals	\$5,000	\$4,104	\$6,000
Capital Constr.			
(Lovers Lane)		<u>\$22,268</u>	<u>\$11,000</u>
Total Sewer Expend.	\$170,845	\$175,733	\$177,652
<u>Sewer Revenue</u>			
Sewer Rents	\$160,000	\$161,570	\$145,000
Interest	\$3,000	\$2,960	
Connection Fees	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,200
Septic Dumping	\$5,000	\$6,107	\$7,275
State Grant	\$21,599	\$22,541	\$22,541
Interest on Invest.	\$3,000	\$3,093	\$3,000

	<u>97 BUDGET</u>	<u>96 ACTUAL</u>	<u>96 BUDGET</u>
Other Income	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$75</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total Sewer Revenue	\$194,599	\$197,846	\$181,516

WATER FUND

Water Expenditures

Public Works Dir.	\$7,500		
Treasurer	\$500	\$500	\$500
Comm's. Payroll	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Tax Collector	\$2,300	\$2,173	\$2,272
Adm. FICA	\$300	\$240	\$143
Adm. Medicare	\$75	\$56	\$33
Office Supplies	\$1,200	\$658	\$1,200
Postage	\$450	\$410	
Engineering Gen.	\$5,000	\$4,862	\$1,000
Water Tests	\$2,150	\$6,103	\$6,500
Permanent Empl.	\$67,028	\$61,922	\$63,377
Overtime	\$11,220	\$11,178	\$11,220
Health Insurance	\$10,100	\$10,983	\$10,360
Disability Ins.	\$500	\$226	
FICA	\$4,860	\$4,569	\$4,594
Medicare	\$1,150	\$1,069	\$1,075
Retirement	\$2,700	\$2,478	\$2,204
Unemployment	\$90	\$87	\$74
Workers' Comp.	\$2,000	\$1,446	\$1,651
Telephone	\$1,800	\$1,938	\$1,500
Elect./No. Chas.	\$4,500	\$4,610	\$8,000
Heat/No. Chas.	\$900	\$870	\$1,100
Building Maint.	\$2,000	\$960	\$2,000
Prop/Liab/Veh. Ins.	\$1,400	\$1,196	\$5,000
Dues/Fees/Courses	\$1,000	\$585	\$1,000
Equipment	\$4,000	\$858	\$4,000
Gas/Diesel	\$1,200	\$1,361	\$1,200
Veh. Maint. & Rep.	\$2,000	\$2,265	\$2,000
Uniforms	\$1,270	\$1,045	\$1,270
General Expenses	\$3,000	\$2,733	\$3,000
Elect./Bull Run	\$6,000	\$5,684	\$5,000

	<u>97 BUDGET</u>	<u>96 ACTUAL</u>	<u>96 BUDGET</u>
Heat/Bull Run	\$1,000	\$1,078	\$1,300
Elect./Main Street	\$600	\$491	\$600
Heat/Main Street	\$900	\$790	\$600
Elect/Claybrook			
(Chlorinator)	\$400	\$226	\$400
(Pump Station)	\$6,000	\$6,834	\$5,000
Elect./Old Cl'mnt R	\$2,200	\$2,328	\$2,400
Elect./Michael Ave.	\$3,150	\$3,485	\$3,000
Elect./Taylor Hill	\$700	\$647	\$600
Meters	\$5,000	\$2,861	\$5,000
Line Maintenance	\$7,500	\$12,902	\$5,500
Freight Rd. Imps.	\$3,000	\$963	
Alarms/Monitoring	\$950	\$790	\$700
Plant Maint & Repæ	\$5,000	\$5,011	\$4,000
Chemicals	\$5,000	\$4,027	\$5,000
Booster Station			
(Mnt. & Rep.)	\$4,000		
Debt Service	\$122,650	\$125,062	\$125,061
Capital Expense	\$8,700		
Cardinal Haven			
(Grant Admin.)			\$15,000
(Engineering)			\$49,115
(Construction)		\$330,096	\$270,426
Lovers Ln. Project		<u>\$39,550</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>
Total Water Expend.	\$326,743	\$672,006	\$670,775
<u>Water Revenue</u>			
Water Rent	\$315,000	\$317,602	\$310,000
Interest	\$5,500	\$5,679	
Connection Fees	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$1,500
Meters	\$1,500	\$1,999	\$300
Federal Grant			
(Card. Haven)		\$347,962	\$347,640
State Grant			
(Bull Run)	\$19,167	\$28,750	\$19,167
(Lovers Lane)		\$31,894	\$31,894
Water Serv. & Rein	\$1,000	\$1,411	

	<u>97 BUDGET</u>	<u>96 ACTUAL</u>	<u>96 BUDGET</u>
Interest on Invest.	\$3,300	\$3,621	\$3,000
Other Income		<u>\$70</u>	
Total Water Revenue	\$346,967	\$741,238	\$713,501

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Tax Year 1996

Value of Land Only	Acres	96 Assessed
Current Use (At C.U. Values)	13,108.38	\$ 1,449,590
Conservat. Restrict-. Assmt. (at C.U.)	331.4	23,600
Residential	18,270.82	27,555,000
Commercial/Industrial	765.6	3,751,300
Total of Taxable Land	32,476.2	\$ 32,779,850

Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable **\$ 2,658,250**

Value of Buildings Only	
Residential	74,809,140
Manufactured Housing	15,067,300
Commercial/Industrial	18,778,000
Total of Taxable Buildings	\$ 108,654,440

Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable **\$ 13,302,750**

Public Utilities	
Central VT Public Service	212,248
Connecticut Valley Electric	146,137
Granite State Electric	1,128,964
New England Power	1,329,753
N.H. Electric Coop.	1,013,580
Total Public Utilities	\$ 3,830,682

Exemptions	Number/Amount	
Blind Exemptions	6 15,000	90,000
Elderly Exemptions	92	1,475,000
Total Amount of Exemptions		\$ 1,565,000

Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate Is Computed **\$ 143,699,972**

Tax Credit	Limits/Number	
Totally and Permanently disabled veterans	\$1,400 7	9,800
Other War Service Credit	100 369	36,900
Total Number and Amount	376	\$ 46,700

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 1996

To the inhabitants of the Town of Charlestown, New Hampshire, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, take notice and be warned that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Charlestown, New Hampshire, will be held at the Charlestown Elementary School gymnasium, on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, commencing at 8:00 A.M., to transact the following business (The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of voting on ballot Articles 1 through 8, unless the Town Meeting votes to keep the polls open to a latter time. All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 7:00 P.M.):

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by the Moderator, Charles L. Child, with the reading of the warrant in its entirety. Polls were opened at 8:15 A.M. It was announced that the absentee ballots would be cast at 2:00 P.M..

Absentee ballots were cast at 2:00 and finished at 2:10 P.M..

The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Charles L. Child who then led us with the Pledge of Allegiance. At this point he asked for a moment of silence for Mrs. Martha Frizzell who had served in various positions for the Town of Charlestown, the Fall Mt. Regional School District and also the State of New Hampshire. He then read over his rules for his procedure for the evening meeting. The polls were closed at 7:10 P.M. His rules for procedure are as follows:

1. Members of audience not registered to vote-please sit on the back bleachers to my left. Voters please take a seat on the main floor or in the south bleachers. Any voter wishing to challenge another voter, please speak to one of the tellers or to the Town Clerk.
2. After voting is completed and the polls are declared closed, I have appointed Irene Makinen, as Assistant Moderator in charge of counting ballots with the Ballots Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist to count on stage. When a ballot vote is required, I will call the Clerks and Supervisors back to the floor to accomplish that task.
3. If this meeting should recess to another evening, no action on articles

already acted upon will be reconsidered on the succeeding evening.

4. All motions on articles will be made in writing. The Moderator will recognize only a positive statement motion so that a yes vote will be in favor and a no vote against the idea expressed in the motion.

5. Persons wishing to have a ballot vote should request that in writing, with five or more signatures of registered voters at the beginning of the meeting to the Town Clerk.

6. All persons wishing a chance to speak to a motion will please sign up in advance of the article or articles by either

a. Speaking to the Town Clerk or

b. Writing your name and article(s) you wish to speak to on a slip of paper and giving it to one of the tellers who will in turn give it to the Town Clerk to prepare for me. The tellers have slips of paper for this use. Please sign up for those particular articles you plan to speak to.

After the people who have signed up speak (and you may choose not to speak even if you have signed up), the floor will then be opened for further discussion. The Moderator will, however, recognize at this time a motion to call for the questions and a 2/3 vote at this time will stop debate and bring a vote on the main motion. A further suggestion was made by the Moderator that each speaker speak clearly, concisely and try to keep speaking to a minimum, although there would be no time limit set.

Total number of ballots cast:	651
Total number of registered voters:	2683

The results of Article 1 follow:

Article 1. Selectman for three years

Robert T. Frizzell	*227
Frank McKane Sr	82
Robert A. Meier	129
Jim Sauchuk	184

Fire Chief one year		
	Gary Wallace	*597
Moderator for two years		
	Omer C. Ahern Jr	*360
	Kenneth C. Arkell	82
	Charles L. Child	191
Treasurer for two years		
	Mary R. Gray	*625
Town Clerk-Tax Collector for three years		
	Debra J. Clark	*617
Supervisor of the Checklist for six years		
	Cathy H. Boivin	*573
Trustee-Medical Bldg Assoc for two years		
	Brenda Ferland	*555
	three years	
	Kenineth M. Place	*552
Trustee of Trust Funds for three years		
	Barbara M. Jones	*570
Highway Advisory Board for one year		
	Robert Beaudry	*566
	two yrs	-----
	three yrs	-----
Cemetery Trustee for three years		
	Dona A. Mates	*589
Library Trustee for one year		
	Robert E. Esdon	*304
	Katharine S. Young	277
Library Trustee for three years		
	Brenda Ferland	219
	Jeffrey M Lessels	*454
	Jenny Stone	*373
Planning Board for three years		
	Sharon Francis	*436
	Frank McKane Sr.	*384
	Fred Poisson	185
Finance Committee for three years		
	Omer C. Ahern Jr	*367
	Robert Beaudry	*263

Cathy H. Boivin	145
Timothy Chase	183
Charles L. Child	140
William H MacDonald	81
Oscar J Makinen	*361
Frank McKane, Sr.	130
Recreation Committee for one year	
Susan B Ahern	*516
Barry Kinne	*414
Recreation Committee for two years	
Mark P Robbins Sr.	*502
Recreation Committee for three years	
Robert C. Bailey	*481
Cathy H. Boivin	*460

*Elected

Fall Mountain Regional School District:

Moderator for one year Thomas Esslinger	514
Charlestown for three years	
Jay Chandler	278
Rick Crowe	280
Jamie Roco	49
Langdon for three years	
Linda Campbell	460
Walpole for one year	
Jeffrey Michaud	281
Steven Schoppmeyer	225

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #1 (Vote by Official Ballot). The official copy of Amendment #1 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #1 will require minimum setbacks from lot lines in all zoning district, except Zone E, for the purpose of fire safety."

YES 412 NO 203

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #2 (vote by Official Ballot). The official copy of Amendment #2 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?"

Amendment #2 will require minimum setbacks from streams and water bodies, in all zoning districts, for the purpose of protecting water quality."

YES 467 NO 150

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #3 (vote by Official Ballot). The official copy of Amendment #3 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?"

Amendment #3 will incorporate sign review standards within the Zoning Ordinance, for the purposes of promoting business activity and assuring pedestrian and vehicular safety."

YES 389 NO 224

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #4 (vote by Official Ballot). The official copy of Amendment #4 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?"

Amendment #4 will revise fines for Zoning Ordinance violations, to reflect Changes in State Law."

YES 406 NO 201

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #5 (vote by Official Ballot). The official copy of Amendment #5 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?"

Amendment #5 will add descriptive headings (a change in form only) to each of the Zoning Districts."

YES 397 NO 199

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment #6 (vote by Official Ballot). The official copy of Amendment #6 is on file and available to the public in the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of Town Meeting. The following question will be on the Official Ballot:

"Are you in favor of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Charlestown Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment #6 will revise the Flood Plain Zoning Regulation to bring it into conformation with minimum requirements of Federal law, adding definitions and a section relating to recreational vehicles."

YES 440 NO 156

Result of Fall Mt. Regional School District - Official Ballot

To see if the District will adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Fall Mountain Regional School District, or take any other action in relation thereto. (3/5 ballot vote required for passage)

YES 429 NO 201

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Charlestown- (vote by Official Ballot.) 3/5 vote required

YES 429 NO 211

Article 9. To hear the reports of the various Town Officers and to take proper action thereon.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 9 as read.

Jeffrey & Dianne Lessels, representing the Charlestown Historical Society, asked everyone to look at pages 96 and 98 of the Town Report, which were the births and deaths of 1995. In celebration of the ongoing history of the Town of Charlestown the Historical Society presented an Azalea to the Board of Selectmen in celebration of those lives, to be planted in Charlestown.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by the Town Tax Collector's Deed, either at a public auction or by advertised, sealed bids, as provided by RSA 80:42-11.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article

10 as read. Article 10 passed by voice vote.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, money from the state, Federal, or other governmental unit or private source, which becomes available during the fiscal year, to be used for the purposes for which the Town may legally appropriate money and in accordance with and pursuant to the requirements of RSA 31:95-b.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 11 as read. Article 11 passed by voice vote.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of the receipt of taxes, to pay current maintenance and operational expenses, as provided in RSA 33:7 of the Municipal Finance Act.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 12 as read. Article 12 passed by voice vote.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,819,269, which represents \$1,970,842 for the Town operating budget, \$670,775 for the Water Fund budget and \$177,652 for the Sewer Fund budget.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 12 as read. Amendment presented: "To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charlestown Police Department budget to be \$310,000, from its proposed \$320,000."

The amendment was made and seconded. Question was moved and seconded. The amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Question was moved and seconded. Article 13 passed by voice vote at \$2,819,269.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 for the purchase of a truck for the Fire Department.

(The Selectmen support this appropriation)

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 14 as read. Article 14 passed by voice vote.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 toward the renovation of the Bakery Building, shown on Tax Map 29, Lot 54, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any Federal, State, or private funds which may be available and to take all action and sign all

documents as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

(The Selectmen support this appropriation 1 N 2 Y)

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 15 as read. Voice vote was too close-there was a division of the house-used a standing vote. Article 15 was defeated by a standing vote.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,648, for the support of Southwestern Community Services, for assistance provided to Charlestown residents.

Petitioned Article (The Selectmen do not support this appropriation)

Motion was made to postpone indefinitely Article 16. Motion was seconded. Article 16 was passed over by voice vote.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to set user fees for trucking and disposal of trash which will offset some portion of taxes incurred for the operation of this facility. This article is intended to determine whether residents would support a move toward payment for service, rather than incurring all of these costs via taxation. It is believed that the burden for these costs would be, to a greater extent, borne by those using the facility. It is anticipated that such a change would reduce the amount of alien trash and increase incentives for recycling.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 17 as read.

A voice vote was too close- there was a division of the house-used a standing vote. Article 17 was defeated by standing vote.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to be allocated to maintenance costs for Fort Number 4.

(The Selectmen do not support this appropriation 2N, 1Y)

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 18 as read. Article 18 passed by voice vote.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the support of CEDA/Tourism's continued economic development efforts.

(The Selectmen do not support this appropriation 2N,1Y)

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 19 as read. Article 19 was passed by voice vote.

Article 20. To see if the Town will, pursuant to RSA 231:43, vote to

discontinue that portion of former Town Highway, now known as South Main Street Extension, extending from the south westerly boundary of property owned by Cecil E. Fisk, to the end, bounded by the B&M Railroad. Also bounded on the westerly side by property owned by the Town of Charlestown and on the easterly side by New England Power Company and Cecil E. Fisk (this portion of roadway is shown on the Town of Charlestown property map #33 and is abutting lots 14 and 17). A vote to approve under this Article will completely discontinue the southern portion of the Town Highway know as South Main Street Extension. Any abutting landowner damaged by such vote has a right to appeal to the superior court, pursuant to RSA 231:48-49, for damages.

It was explained at this point by the Moderator that Article 20 and Article 21 actually would go together.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 20 as read. Article 20 passed by voice vote.

Article 21. To see if the Town of Charlestown will vote to sell the discontinued portion of the former Town Highway known as South Main Street Extension and to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate with Granite State Electric Company to convey by Quitclaim Deed, taking any and all action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 21 as read. Article 21 passed by voice vote.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be paid into the Community Recreational Facility Capital Reserve Fund, established in 1995 pursuant to RSA 35:1, for the construction of a community recreational facility.

(The Selectmen do not support this appropriation)

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 22 as read. An amendment was made to match the amount raised by the Recreation Committee in 1995, not to exceed \$5,022. The amendment was seconded. Voice vote was too close-there was a division of the house-standing vote was taken.

The amendment to Article 22 was passed by standing vote.

Article 22 was passed as amended by voice vote.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of 41:29-a, with the approval of the Selectmen, to appoint a Deputy Treasurer.

A Deputy Treasurer appointed under this section shall be sworn, shall have the powers of the Treasurer, and may be removed at the pleasure of the Treasurer. Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 23 as read.

Article 23 was passed by voice vote.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of land with a building located thereon, designed and constructed for use by the Charlestown Ambulance Service. This land is located on the Springfield Road, at the junction of Route 11 and Douglas Street, and is designated as Map 19, Lot 37. This donation is being offered to the Town by Stanley and Helen Patch. The proposed use has received Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board. The access from Route 11 has received the approval of the Department of Transportation.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 24 as read. Article 24 passed by voice vote.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing agreement under section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000.

Motion was presented. Motion made and seconded to accept Article 25 as read.

Article 25 passed by voice vote.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to sponsor disability insurance for employees, funds for which are included in Article 13.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 26 as read.

Article 26 was passed by voice vote.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$5,000 as a subsidy to Community Transportation Services, for bus service connections to Hanover and Claremont/Newport. The intent of this article is to offer an affordable transportation alternative for persons not having access to personal motor vehicles for travel to medical appointments, for employment searches, shopping or other activities in neighboring communities.

(The Selectmen do not support this appropriation)

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article

27 as read.

Article 27 was defeated by voice vote.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not limited to, the following:

1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties);
2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1.00 per voter;
3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures;
4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and
5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time, postal subsidies, and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor.

Motion was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept Article 28 as read. Voice vote was too close-there was a division of the house-used a standing vote. Article 28 was passed by a standing vote.

Article 29. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

A member of the audience made the statement that he hoped that someday the money from property sold by the Selectmen would partly given back to the property owner.

A Selectman asked for an opinion poll on the direction of commercial haulers fees-should they be higher or not. A higher rate was favorable. Also, a vote was taken which gave the Selectmen the power to set the rates for the new year for the Transfer Station .

A motion to adjourn was presented and seconded.

The motion to adjourn was passed by a voice vote.

A true copy, Attest

Debra J. Clark, Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
1996 Tax Rate Calculation

			<u>Tax Rates</u>
Appropriations	2,877,291		
Less: Revenues	1,997,066		
Less: Shared Revenues	27,455		
Add: Overlay	23,956		
War Service Credits	46,600		
Net Town Appropriation		<u>923,326</u>	
Approved Town Tax Effort		923,326	
Municipal			6.43
-- School Portion --			
Due to Regional School	4,178,097		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>113,720</u>		
Net School Appropriation		<u>4,064,377</u>	
Approved School(s) effort		4,064,377	
School(s) Tax Rate			28.28
-- County Portion -			
Due to County	389,780		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>8,852</u>		
Net County Appropriation		<u>380,928</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort		380,928	
County Tax Rate			<u>2.65</u>
Combined Tax Rate			37.36
Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,368,381		

-- Commitment Analysis --

Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,368,631
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(46,600)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment	<u>5,322,031</u>

-- Proof of Rate -

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
143,699,972	37.36	5,368,631

1997 Bond Requirement

Treasurer:	109,000	Tax Collector:	98,000
Town Clerk:	36,000	Trustees of Trust Funds:	182,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation Amount	Receipts & Reimbs.	Total Amt. Available	Expenditures	Unexp'n'd Balance	Overdraft
Executive	\$48,940	18	\$48,958	\$46,189	\$2,769	
Elect/Regis/Vital Recs.	\$5,418	\$233	\$5,651	\$5,321	\$330	
Financial Admin	\$124,186	0	\$124,186	\$122,160	\$2,026	
Legal	\$10,000	1500	\$11,500	\$34,178		\$22,678
Personnel Admin.	\$8,847	\$3,167	\$12,014	\$8,843	\$3,171	
Planning & Zoning	\$25,666	\$779	\$26,445	\$26,313	\$132	
General Gov't. Bldgs	\$77,149	\$62	\$77,211	\$79,294		\$2,083
Cemeteries	\$55,405	\$0	\$55,405	\$51,724	\$3,681	
Insurance	\$55,000	\$1,033	\$56,033	\$42,437	\$13,596	
Regional Associations	\$13,344	\$0	\$13,344	\$13,430		\$86
Police	\$320,000	\$22,069	\$342,062	\$313,740	\$28,322	
Ambulance	\$24,223	\$0	\$24,223	\$21,816	\$2,407	
Fire	\$45,452	\$82	\$45,534	\$52,587		\$7,053
EMT	\$36,338	\$0	\$36,338	\$35,686	\$652	
Highway	\$493,139	\$97,768	\$590,907	\$486,625	\$104,282	
Street Lights	\$22,000	\$0	\$22,000	\$20,231	\$1,769	
Transfer Station	\$303,239	\$0	\$303,239	\$302,812	\$427	
Pest Control	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500	\$3,522	\$1,978	
Health Agencies	\$32,900	\$0	\$32,900	\$32,692	\$208	
General Assistance	\$31,222	\$368	\$31,590	\$25,303	\$6,287	
Parks & Recreation	\$26,527	\$4	\$26,531	\$22,941	\$3,590	
Library	\$63,224	\$0	\$63,224	\$59,120	0	\$4,104
Patriotic	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$0
Conservation Comm.	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$565	\$35	
Debt/Principal/Interest	\$48,385	\$0	\$48,385	\$55,862		\$7,477
Capital	\$93,838	\$0	\$93,838	\$92,135	\$1,703	
Sub-Total	\$1,970,842	\$127,076	\$2,097,918	\$1,955,826	\$181,469	\$39,377
Articles	\$58,022	\$15,000	\$73,022	\$73,022	\$3	\$0
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,028,864	\$142,076	\$2,170,940	\$2,028,848	\$181,469	\$39,377
Net Unexpended					\$142,092	

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

as of December 31, 1996

	<u>Beginning of year</u>	<u>End of year</u>
<u>Current assets</u>		
Cash and equivalents	497,722	777,209
Taxes receivable	1,649,978	1,564,214
Accounts receivable	9,853	18,533
Due from other governments	10,960	5,682
Due from other funds		324
Other current assets	115	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,168,628	\$ 2,365,962
<u>Current liabilities</u>		
Warrants/Accounts payable \$	18,605	\$ 581
Due to school districts	1,817,596	2,100,000
Due to other funds	330	20,247
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,836,531	\$ 2,120,828
<u>Fund equity</u>		
Reserve for encumbrances	\$ 5,260	5,200
Unreserved fund balance	326,837	239,934
Total Fund Equity	\$ 332,097	\$ 245,134
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 2,168.628	\$ 2,365,962

STATEMENT OF DEBT
December 31, 1996
Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding and
Long-Term Notes

Water Improvement
 NH Municipal Bond Bank
 4.75%

Sewer Department Bond
 Farmers Home Administration
 5%

<u>Year</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>
	\$ <u>650,000.00</u>	\$ <u>490,000.00</u>
1997 - 1999	\$ 30,000.00 each year	\$ 24,500.00 each year
2000 - 2005	\$ <u>30,000.00</u> each year	_____
Total	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 73,500.00

WATER - WELLS PROJECT
Claremont Savings Bank
5.5%
Original Amount: \$300,000.00

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Payment</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Payment</u>
1997	61,468.89	7,974.94	69,443.84
1998	64,896.17	4,547.66	69,443.84
1999	33,792.62	929.30	34,721.92

FIRE TRUCK
Farmers Home Administration
5.875%
Original Amount: \$159,800.00

<u>Year</u>	<u>Begin Balance</u>	<u>Princ. Paymt.</u>	<u>Int. Paymt.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1997	91,217.17	16,225.99	5,359.01	21,585.00
1998	74,991.18	17,179.27	4,405.73	21,585.00
1999	57,811.91	18,188.55	3,396.45	21,585.00
2000	39,623.36	19,257.13	2,327.87	21,585.00
2001	20,366.23	20,366.23	1,196.52	21,562.75

SCHEDULE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Value</u>
L/B	Bakery Building	.12	\$154,450
L/B	Well Lovers Lane	16.56	31,250
Land	Beaudry Development	3.10	1,550
Land	Birch Drive	.11	1,550
L/B	Borough Rd.	.25	21,800
L/B	Borough Rd.	18.00	9,000
L/B	Forest Hill Cemetery	9.00	103,450
Land	Pinecrest Cemetery	9.00	45,000
Land	Hubbard Hill Cemetery	.80	12,000
L/B	Hope Hill Cemetery	10.00	54,000
L/B	No. Charlestown Well	.23	14,300
Land	Hall's Pond Rd.	100.00	30,000
Land	No. Hemlock Rd. Well	5.00	10,000
Land	No. Hemlock Rd. Reservoir	164.00	86,100
Land	No. Hemlock Rd Reservoir	25.00	26,000
L/B	Wastewater Treatment Facility	23.00	3,234,000
Land	Unity Stage Rd	1.00	5,000
L/B	Swim Pool	13.35	261,900
Land	East St. Tennis Court	.43	48,800
Land	South of Transfer Station	29.20	8,750
L/B	Fire Station	.48	313,500
L/B	Town Hall & Water Dept	.27	131,800
Land	Briggs Hill	.50	8,500
L/B	Highway Garage	.70	7,700
L/B	Library/Municipal Building	.72	483,200
L/B	Medical Center	.32	164,500
Land	off So. Hemlock Rd	62.00	18,600
L/B	Transfer Station	5.17	92,500
Land	Chase Circle	2.48	4,950
L/B	Patch Park	16.00	57,650
Land	Egypt Rd.	.07	150
Land	Borough Rd.	2.00	12,500
L/B	Springfield Rd Pump Station	.35	473,250
Land	Almar St.	.70	1,400
Land	Hall's Pond Rd.	50.00	31,150

Town Owned Property, Cont'd.

Land	Claremont Rd.	12.56	102,800
Land	Claremont Rd.	.50	500
Land	Off Hall's Pond Rd.	48.00	14,400
Land	Off No. Hemlock Rd.	2.03	4,050
I./B	Springfield Rd.	<u>.35</u>	<u>112,000</u>
Total		631.35	\$6,264,000

VEHICLES

1951 American LaFrance	\$ 75,000.00	
1976 Interational Tanker	\$ 75,000.00	
1987 Ford F350	\$ 40,000.00	
1922 Ford Fire Truck	\$ 7,900.00	
1980 American LaFrance	\$260,000.00	
1996 Ford	\$100,000.00	
1991 American LaFrance	<u>\$260,000.00</u>	
Total Fire Dept. Vehicles		\$817,900.00
1992 Ford F150 PU	\$ 10,366.00	
1993 Ford Pu Dump Truck	<u>\$ 20,698.00</u>	
Total Water & Sewer Dept. Vehicles		\$ 31,064.00
1993 Ford F350 4X4 PU	\$ 24,740.00	
1983 International Dump Truck	\$ 36,399.00	
1994 Ford F350 Dump Truck	\$ 17,900.00	
1991 Ford 1T Dump Truck	\$ 24,800.00	
1997 International Pu Dump Truck	\$ 52,000.00	
1987 International Diesel	\$ 36,877.00	
1989 International Dump Truck	<u>\$ 27,674.00</u>	
Total Highway Dept. Vehicles		\$220,390.00
1987 Chevrolet PU Truck	<u>\$ 16,358.00</u>	
Total Cemetery Dept. Vehicles		\$ 16,358.00
1987 Ford Ambulance	\$ 60,000.00	
1994 Ford Ambulance	<u>\$ 67,045.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Dept. Vehicles		\$127,045.00
1994 Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 15,700.00	
1977 Dodge PU (Animal Control)	NV	
1996 Ford Crown Victoria	<u>\$ 22,477.00</u>	
Total Police Dept. Vehicles		<u>\$ 38,177.00</u>
TOTAL ALL TOWN VEHICLES		\$1,250,934.00

EQUIPMENT

Economizer Sander	\$3,500.00	
Motorola Mobile Radio Unit	\$1,500	
1989 Tractor/Loader/Backhoe	\$67,938.00	
1992 John Deere Loader	\$116,500.00	
1985 Fiat-Allis Model FG85 Grader	\$93,745.00	
1988 Gardner Denver Air Compressor	\$12,000.00	
3 Chainsaws @ \$400	\$ 1,200.00	
2 Brush Saws @ \$350	\$700.00	
Line Striper	\$ 1,600.00	
Plate Compactor	\$1,600.00	
Roller	\$ 16,000.00	
Stanles Sander (Small) \$	4,600.00	
Misc. Tools & Equip	\$17,325.00	
Total: Highway Dept. Equipment		\$338,208.00
1979 Clark Michigan Loader	\$55,000.00	
1993 Clark GPS 17 Forklift	<u>\$34,300.00</u>	
Total Transfer Station Equipment		\$89,300.00
1983 John Deere 410	<u>\$28,000.00</u>	
Total Water & Sewer Dept Equip (Shared)		\$28,000.00
O'Brien Power Sewer Rodder	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	
Total Sewer Dept. Equipment		\$15,000.00
Scag Mower	<u>\$7,000.00</u>	
Total Recreation Dept. Equipment		\$7,000.00
Stone Mud Sucker	\$2,000.00	
Hydromatic Trash Pump Ser.	\$3,500.00	
Rescue Tri-Pod	\$2,000.00	
Trench Box	\$2,500.00	
Misc. Tools & Equip.	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	
Total Water Dept. Equipment		\$20,000.00
JD Model 318 Tractor	\$8,500.00	
Misc. Tools & Equip.	<u>\$1,907.00</u>	
Total Cemetery Equipment		\$10,407.00

The Old Block House (Painting)	\$10,000.00	
Civil War Cannon: Model 1841-44	\$40,000.00	
Civil War Soldier	\$60,000.00	
WWII Stone	\$ 10,000.00	
Korea, Vietnam, Grenada,		
Persian Gulf	\$9,000.00	
Fireman Memorial Stone	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	
Total Fine Arts		\$131,000.00
Electronic Data Processing	\$27,410.00	
Misc.	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	
Total General Government Equipment		\$29,910.00
Misc. Tools & Equip.	<u>\$11,293.00</u>	
Total Police Dept. Equipment		\$11,293.00
Misc Tools & Equip.	<u>\$56,692.00</u>	
Total Fire Dept. Equipment		<u>\$56,692.00</u>
TOTAL ALL TOWN EQUIPMENT		\$736,810.00

Values of vehicles & equipment furnished by Mortenson Insurance

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION-1996

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Charlestown as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Charlestown has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Charlestown as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Charlestown. Such information has been

subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with government auditing standards, we have also issued a report dated April 3, 1996 on our consideration of the Town of Charlestown's internal control structure and a report dated April 3, 1996 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

James A. Sajko, CPA
Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK 1996
Debra J. Clark

MOTOR VEHICLES:

Permits Issued:	5,894	
Amount of fees received		\$ 401,855.00
Bad check charges		<u>155.00</u>
		402,010.00

DOGS:

Licenses Issued:	787	
Amount of fees received		\$5,451.00
Amount of fines received		2,208.00
Bad check charges		<u>10.00</u>
		\$7,669.00

MARRIAGES:

Licenses Issued:	41	
Amount received		1,845.00
Bad check charges		<u>10.00</u>
		1,855.00

FILING FEES:

Motor vehicle titles	\$1,447.00
Uniform commercial codes	3,482.92
Federal tax liens	330.00
Vital records	773.00
Miscellaneous fees	<u>61.00</u>
	\$6,093.92

ELECTIONS:

Candidate filings	\$ 17.00
Sale of checklists	<u>180.00</u>
	\$ 197.00

PAID TO TREASURER

\$ 417,824.92

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

The year 1996 saw an increase in receipts of nearly \$ 60,000.00 over the 1995 collections in the Town Clerk's Office. The primary increase can be contributed to motor vehicle registrations.

The other increase was in the issuance of dog licenses and fines. We issued 787 licenses and plan to increase this total more with the help of the Police Department and local veterinarians who send us copies of rabies certificates.

Please remember your dog must be registered by April 30th of each year. This would prevent an assessment of a penalty and civil forfeiture of \$ 25.00.

I would like to thank the Police Department for their help in implementing the new dog registration process. I hope this year there will be less civil forfeitures served.

We have been online for two years with the Automated Birth and Death Certificate program overseen by the NH Bureau of Vital Records. This program speeds up the process of reporting births and deaths and helps to detect fraud as the certificates are printed on safety paper. Marriage certificates are also printed on this safety paper which has greatly improved the quality of the permanent copy.

Vicki and Olga join me in saying "Thank you" to you, the citizens, for your patience and understanding when we have had to put you on hold when you have called or while you have had to wait at our counter. You are important to us and we try to take care of your needs as best we can.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra J. Clark

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1996

	Last Year's Levy	<u>Prior Years' Levies</u>		
Debits	1995	1994	1993	1990-1992
Unredeemed Liens (Int.)		\$245.21	\$1,318.69	\$13,709.39
Balance at Beg of Fiscal Year		\$383,402.48	\$224,996.48	\$133,099.98
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$603,421.71			
Int. & Cost Coll. After Lien Execution	\$18,978.79	\$41,081.59	\$52,196.37	\$20,374.79
Total Debits:	\$622,400.50	\$424,729.28	\$278,511.54	\$167,184.16
Cr. Remittance to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$190,479.10	\$148,491.17	\$182,543.42	\$66,138.86
Interest & Cost After Lien Execution	\$18,860.10	\$34,877.25	\$53,515.06	\$21,246.77
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes	\$3,403.23	\$2,909.35	\$6,917.86	\$748.93
Unredeemed Liens (Int.)	\$118.69	\$6,449.55		\$12,837.41

Balance at End of Fiscal Year	\$409,539.38	\$232,001.96	\$35,535.20	\$66,212.19
Total Credits:	\$622,400.50	\$424,729.28	\$278,511.54	\$167,184.16
Bankruptcy	\$2,745.51	\$13,743.49	\$27,341.03	\$50,790.23
Court Decision	\$8,755.93	\$8,821.43	\$8,194.17	\$15,241.96

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

The year 1996 was a year for bankruptcy settlements with some being paid in full and some now on payment schedules. 1990 taxes have now been paid in full. There were several new Chapter 7 bankruptcies but not of any significant amounts.

There were no properties taken by Tax Collector's Deed which I am very happy to report!

The tax lien of 1996, for the 1995 taxes, was placed on 302 parcels (9 more than in 1995). The 1996 lien of 1995 water and sewer was placed on 29 parcels compared to 59 in 1995. The Water Commissioners, Water Department, and Tax Collector's Office implemented a shut-off process which greatly reduced the outstanding amounts due to be liened. We carried this procedure over to the 1996 billings and the amount of outstanding tax due at the end of the year has dropped considerably.

I would like to thank everyone for their tax payments. Remember prepayments can be collected after April 1st of each year and partial payments are allowed subject to the existing deadlines.

Respectfully submitted
Debra J. Clark

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1996

<u>Levies for - 1996</u>		<u>Prior Levies - 1995</u>
Uncollected Taxes		(interest)\$ 147.15
Beg. Of Year:		1,015,924 .42
Property Taxes		
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change		860.00
Yield Taxes		1,694.66
Utilities		133,215.81
Taxes Committed		
-This Year:	5,334,546.84	2,603.58
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change	4,959.40	
Yield Taxes	437.45	8,519.37
Utilities	479,964.78	
Jeopardy Assessments	2,832.89	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	1,217.05	443.02
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change		
Yield Taxes		
Costs and		
Interest Collected	10,632.61	75,500.83
Tax Penalties		
Total Debits:	\$5,834,591.02	\$1,238,908.84

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
December 31, 1996

Levy for Year - 1996 Prior Levies - 1995

REMITTED TO TREASURER DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	\$ 4,432,137.99	\$ 993,330.88
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change	4,959.40	860.00
Yield Taxes	282.42	6,843.36
Utilities	392,776.39	133,165.33
Interest	10,489.54	75,647.28
Penalties		
Conversion to Lien		

Discounts Allowed:

Abatements Made	5,082.09	25,640.84
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Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change		
Yield Taxes	155.03	274.00
Utilities	728.47	50.48
Curr. Levy Deeded		

Uncollected Taxes, End of Year

	143.07 interest	
Property Taxes	* 901,376.70	
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change		
Yield Taxes		3,096.67
Utilities	86,459.92	
Total Credits	\$ 5,834,591.02	\$ 1,238,908.84

*** Bankruptcy \$ 10,622.10**

ABATEMENTS-TAX COLLECTOR
January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996

REAL ESTATE

Gates, Shirley N	\$ 534.52
Matheson, Lloyd J & Nina	2374.83

Total abatements on 1994 property tax \$ 2909.35

Barnard, Alvin & Pauline F	\$ 118.25
Bri-Nik Enterprises	763.29
Canessa, Peter (formerly Pickering)	1040.67
Grysko, Gayla (formerly Pickering)	110.95
Fuchslocher, Harry A & Clara	2836.98
Matheson, Lloyd J & Nina	2360.64
McPherson, Daniel J & Caryl (formerly Pickering)	1968.48
Merchant, Claire K	221.91
Mitza Family Trust	12604.76
Patterson, Elaine B	319.47
Poisson, Frederick (formerly Pickering)	2324.29
Sargent, Richard A	275.47
Scanlon, Joan S	562.42
Scanlon, Robert L & Anne M	582.81
Springer, Ronald & Yvonne	313.73
Stanton, Donald & Dorothy	361.56
Stevens, Gladys	290.78
Surace, Frank	1145.89
Watson, Janice L	394.08
Wright, Joann	447.64

Total abatements on 1995 property tax \$ 29044.07

Bacon, Doris	\$ 799.50
Fuchslocher, Harry A & Clara	758.41
International Church	438.08
Merrill Jr, Alan H	563.38
Norman, Daniel R	219.04
Paskerta, Raymond R & Penny A	182.69
Patch, Helen M	136.72
Poisson, Frederick	665.01
Putnam Farms	19.13
Surace, Frank	552.93
Wettach, Nancy J & Joseph A	747.20

Total abatements on 1996 property tax \$ 5082.09

ABATEMENTS
Tax Collector
January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996

WATER

Claremont Savings Bank	\$ 15.88	
Total abatements on 1995 water		\$ 15.88
Smith, Agnes G.	\$ 519.85	
Tenney, Bernie W & Marilyn	88.93	
Total abatements on 1996 water		\$ 608.78

SEWER

Claremont Savings Bank	\$ 19.00	
MacDonald, William J & Carla J	15.60	
Total abatements on 1995 sewer		\$ 34.60
Robbins, Mark P & Judith	\$ 47.60	
Tenney, Bernie W & Marilyn	72.09	
Total abatements on 1996 sewer		\$ 119.69

YIELD TAX

Collier, Elaine M & Murphy	\$ 274.00	
Total abatements on 1995 yield tax		\$ 274.00
Charlestown, Town of	\$ 155.03	
Total abatements on 1996 yield tax		\$ 155.03

REAL ESTATE

McPherson, Daniel J & Caryl (formerly Pickering)	\$ 748.93	
Total abatements on 1992 property tax		\$ 748.93
Canessa, Peter (formerly Pickering)	\$ 325.02	
Gates, Shirley N	474.20	
Lorandean, Jr., Syd (formerly Pickering)	271.07	
Matheson, Lloyd J & Nina	2285.81	
McPherson, Daniel J & Caryl (fmrly Pickering)	2,624.62	
Poisson, Frederick (formerly Pickering)	292.42	
Poisson, Frederick	644.72	
Total abatements on 1993 property tax		\$ 6917.86

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Receipts
January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996

State of New Hampshire

Shared Revenue Grant	\$246,313.32
Reimb. State & Federal Forest Land	1,951.72
Railroad Tax	13,471.98
Sewer Grant (State's Share of Sewer Bond)	<u>22,541.00</u>
	\$284,278.02

Highway Department

State of New Hampshire-Highway Block Grant	\$97,719.46
Sale of Equipment	838.97
Reimbursement	<u>49.21</u>
	\$98,607.64

Transfer Station

Permits	\$32,260.00
Tires	1,368.00
Demolition	20,377.05
Pinetree Waste Corp./Rags, Cans, Plastics, Etc	<u>3,631.61</u>
	\$57,636.66

Police Department

U. S. Treasury - Grant	\$28,466.83
Reimb.- Lover's Lane Traffic Control	600.00
Donations	260.00
Police Reports	690.00
Reimbursement-Guard Duty	541.05
Sale of Trailer	56.00
Rebate for Film	<u>27.99</u>
	\$30,641.87

Ambulance Department

Insurance Payments	\$12,396.80
Payments by Individuals	4,057.62
Reimbursements	<u>367.00</u>
	\$16,821.42

Fire Department

Sale of Fire Truck	\$15,000.00
Fire Dept. Reports	111.80
Reimbursement-Chester V T	372.50
Donation	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$16,484.30

Planning Board

Building Permits	\$1,395.00
Application Fees	1,472.50
Reimbursements-Ads, Certified Letters, Expenses	<u>950.19</u>
	\$3,817.69

Selectmen's Office

Town Histories	\$880.00
Copies	837.00
Miscellaneous-Returned Check Charges	<u>50.00</u>
	\$1,767.00

Health & Human Services

State of NH Reimb. For Individuals	\$3,396.98
Reimbursement by Individuals	<u>3,167.17</u>
	\$6,564.15

Cemetery Department

Cemetery Lots	\$1,425.00
Recording Fees For Deeds	42.50
Fees for Opening Graves	2,620.00
Trustees of Trust Fund/Cemetery Care	<u>21,545.41</u>
	\$25,632.91
Perpetual Care & Gen. Maintenance Funds	
Received & Remitted to Trustee of Trust Funds	\$2,800.00

Recreation Department

Swimming Pool - Admission Fees & Lessons	\$ 5,216.00
Reimbursement - Telephone Calls	<u>3.65</u>
	\$ 5,219.65

Miscellaneous

Boat Fees	\$ 5,314.41
Junk Yard Permits	210.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,190.05
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	1,950,000.00
Interest Earned-Checking Account	7,706.51
Water & Sewer Depts.-Reimb. To General Fund	542,799.50
Cardinal Haven-Reimb. To General Fund	155,857.69
Sale of Equipment-Bakery Building	2,510.00
Reimb. - School Board	209.92
Reimb. - Legal Fees	1,500.00
Return of Overpayment	896.62
Tax Lien Reimbursement	819.69
Recording Fees	12.32
Reimb - Property Damage	62.50
Outdated Uncashed Checks	94.89
Fireworks Business Permit	250.00
Election & Registrations	<u>232.52</u>
	\$ 2,670,666.62
 Balance as of January 1, 1996	 \$ 497,422.31
Receipts	9,900,098.45
	\$10,397,520.76
 Disbursements	 <u>-9,617,614.53</u>
Balance as of December 31, 1996	\$ 779,906.23

Accounts Held by the Treasurer

Town Hall Savings Account	\$ 6,692.91
Conservation Commission-Money Market Account	8,978.15
Conservation Commission-Certificate of Deposit	32,139.26
Recreation Department-Special Fund/Checking Account	10,677.20
Town of Charlestown Water Dept	
-Money Market Account	143,638.57
Town of Charlestown Sewer Dept	
-Money Market Account	134,978.57

Rental of Property

Town Hall	\$ 875.00
Municipal Building	810.00
Village Video-Bakery Building	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$ 4,685.00

Town Clerk

Registrations	\$ 395,961.00
Motor Vehicles Titles & Registration Fees	7,341.00
UCC, Election & Miscellaneous Fees	4,245.92
Vital Statistics-Fees(Town)	365.00
Vital Statistics-Fees received & remitted to State	408.00
Marriage License Fees(Town)	287.00
Marriage License-Fees received & remitted to State	1,558.00
Dog Licenses & Penalties	7,259.00
Uncollected Returned Check	<u>-310.00</u>
	\$417,514.92

Tax Collector

1996 Property Taxes & Interest	\$4,437,502.99
1996 Jeopardy Assessment	2,832.89
1995 Property Taxes & Interest	1,268,997.49
Redeemed Property Taxes, Interest & Costs	506,812.53
Yield Taxes & Interest	7,249.49
Land Use Penalty - Taxes & Interest	5,987.35
Overpayment of Property Taxes	
Received/Returned	1,660.07
Tax Lien Costs	<u>1,020.50</u>
	\$6,232,063.31

Insurance

Reimb. - Return of 1995 Contribution	\$ 22,888.57
Reimb. - Return of Contribution-Unemployment	975.72
Refund from Cancellation of Policy	<u>1,033.00</u>
	\$ 24,897.29

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

General Government

Executive Office

Selectmen's Salaries	\$ 5,400.00
Secretary/Clerk	14,118.07
Administrative Assistant	15,166.08
FICA/ Medicare	2,653.49
Retirement	823.65
Health, Life, Insurance	1,298.54
Workers Comp, Unempl	154.99
Telephone	1,481.59
Competitive Computers	
-battery backups	764.00
Office Supplies	2,644.00
RSA Updates	509.81
Eagle Publications	326.30
Miscellaneous	<u>830.10</u>
	\$ 46,170.62

Election & Registration

Moderator	\$ 378.00
Supervisors/Ballot Clerks	3,597.75
FICA/Medicare	132.87
Eagle Publications	155.80
Fall Mountain Printing	412.00
Miscellaneous	<u>301.88</u>
	\$ 4,978.30

Vital Statistics	\$110.00
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Financial Administration

Bookkeeper	26,412.32
Town Clerk/tax Collector	26,765.80
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	
-part-time	17,109.08
Treasurer	4,075.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	1,000.00
FICA/Medicare	5,765.18
Retirement	895.31

Health, Life Insurance	12,765.60
Workers Comp, Unemployment	341.62
Assessing Services	2,578.00
Business Management	
-support	1,976.10
Postmaster	4,980.93
Plodzick & Sanderson	
-audit	5,600.00
Riendeau Printing	
-town report	1,373.63
Bank fees	1,199.26
Accounting Expenses	662.42
TC-TX Telephone	803.44
TC-TX Dues, Workshops, Cert's	506.00
TC-TX Mortgagee Search	2,558.50
TC-TX Printing	430.52
TC-TX Sullivan Cty Registry	1,476.30
TC-TX Miscellaneous	68.52
TC-TX computer battery backups	382.00
TC-TX National Market Reports	384.00
TC-TX Office Supplies	698.28
Trustees of Trust Fund expense	<u>1,352.66</u>
	\$ 122,160.47
Legal Expenses	
Gardner & Fulton	\$ 34,178.66
reimb. by Area Waste	<u>- 1,500.00</u>
	\$ 32,678.66
Personnel Administration	
Comp Funds of NH -	
audit of 1995	2,859.64
NHMA - disability ins.	2,803.83
NHMA - reimbursed by ind.	<u>3,179.40</u>
	\$ 8,842.87
Planning and Zoning	
Administrator	15,166.08
Secretary - part-time	4,458.32
FICA/Medicare	1,501.10
Retirement	514.07
Workers Comp/Unempl	59.78
Telephone	525.39

Dues	167.00
Eagle Publications	1,966.24
Office Supplies	503.45
Postmaster	560.00
Planning Conference	260.00
Miscellaneous	162.03
Zoning Bd expense	<u>470.13</u>
	\$ 26,313.59

General Government Buildings

Custodian	17,099.20
FICA/Medicare	1,330.20
Health, Life Ins.	2,191.80
Workers Comp, Unempl	592.35
Municipal Bldg. - electricity	6,893.00
Municipal Bldg. - heating oil	1,928.91
Municipal Bldg. - maintenance	9,236.06
Municipal bldg. - vehicle expense	499.66
Town Hall - electricity	904.07
Town Hall - heating oil	1,070.52
Town Hall - maintenance	866.71
Amb/Fire - electricity	2,308.60
Amb/Fire - heating oil	943.03
Amb/Fire - maintenance	980.73
Highway - electricity	2,186.56
Highway - heating oil	1,767.35
Highway - maintenance	713.44
Transfer Station - electricity	1,603.08
Transfer Station - maintenance	6,884.21
Recreation Facilities - part time	6,168.96
Recreation FICA/Medicare	471.87
Recreation Facilities - electricity	491.47
Recreation Facilities - maintenance	1,330.99
Recreation - Pool - electricity	1,529.88
Recreation - Pool - maintenance	6,851.23
Bakery Bldg/Bulletin Bd. - electricity	782.20
Bakery Bldg/Bulletin Bd. - heating oil	1,295.03
Bakery Building/Bulletin Bd. - maintenance	<u>311.09</u>
	\$ 79,232.20

Cemetery

Sexton	22,308.80
Part-time Salaries	13,581.91
FICA/Medicare	2,745.78
Retirement	756.19
Health, Life Ins.	3,277.70
Workers Comp/Unempl	1,257.36
Gasoline	818.40
Vehicle Repair	296.88
Uniforms	766.69
Fleury's Small Engine	199.95
LaValley Bldg. Supply	79.92
LS Thorpe - blades	395.33
Pinnacleview Equipment	60.13
R.N. Johnson	343.16
Ronald LeClair - repair	115.00
Miscellaneous	194.29
Opening/closing gates	595.00
Depot Homecenter	2,334.64
St. Pierre Inc.	396.89
Fleury's - mowers to be pd. in 1997	<u>1,200.00</u>
	\$ 51,724.02

Insurance

Koson Insurance	2,622.00
Mortenson Insurance	41,653.00
Refunded - current yr.	<u>1,838.00</u>
	\$ 42,437.00

Regional Associations

Charlestown Senior Citizens	3,600.00
Meeting Waters YMCA	1,000.00
NH Municipal Association - dues	1,323.73
Sullivan County Economic Dev.	3,200.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee	<u>4,306.00</u>
	\$ 13,429.73

Total General Government **\$428,077.46**

Public Safety

Police Department

Full-time Salaries	\$ 181,888.85
Part-time Salaries	40,513.06
Overtime	6,147.58
Special Details	756.43
FICA/Medicare	9,099.56
Health, Life Ins.	37,383.56
Retirement	5,534.94
Workers Comp/Unemployment	4,686.65
Telephone	5,325.68
Alarm Monitoring	393.00
Gasoline	4,600.48
Vehicle Repair	3,810.99
Uniforms	1,445.61
SPOTS Computer	2,700.00
Radio Communications	1,536.00
Postage	257.00
RSA Updates	554.92
Kimball's	918.66
Viking Office Products	290.16
Joseph's Green	207.00
AVS Computers	414.50
Springfield Printing	190.00
Oscar Makinen	300.00
Misc. office supplies	440.84
Conn Valley Office Supply	210.19
D & E Lead & Brass	113.50
Dan's Max Saver	425.99
Depot Homecenter	116.81
Megg Associates	375.00
NESPIN	50.00
Page New England	99.00
Plodzik & Sanderson	500.00
Ralph's Supermarket	386.07
National Safety Eqmt.	111.79
Team Marketing Co.	204.36
Petty Cash	300.00

Unique Signs	351.00
Treas. State of NH	153.00
Miscellaneous	295.22
Sirchie Finger Print Lab	262.47
Access Capital Inc.	115.00
Alstead Gun Shop	215.00
Rebate - Polaroid Film	<u>- 27.99</u>
	\$ 313,651.88
1996 expense to be pd. in 1997	<u>88.66</u>
	\$ 313,740.54

Ambulance

Director	\$ 1,200.00
Part-time Salaries	8,812.75
FICA/Medicare	766.06
Retirement	22.04
Workers Comp/Unempl	1,731.51
Telephone	504.97
Gasoline	864.76
Vehicle Repairs	1,742.40
Postmaster	339.27
Office Supplies	134.28
Vaccinations	427.50
Blanc & Bailey	1,150.00
Bound/Tree-medical supplies	601.25
Fire Mutual Aid	157.00
Merriam-Graves	912.96
Moore Medical	301.87
NH West Chapter	115.00
Physio Control	501.87
Richard Brown - course	250.00
Skywave Safety	857.46
Reimbursements	281.90
Miscellaneous	<u>63.69</u>
	\$ 21,737.84
1996 expenses to be pd. in 1997	<u>78.00</u>
	\$ 21,815.84

Fire Department

Fire Chief	1,200.00
Part-time Salaries	18,183.44
FICA/Medicare	1,480.74
Retirement	76.79
Workers Comp/Unempl.	493.02
Telephone	945.36
Gas	752.96
Vehicle repair	5,164.41
Uniforms	3,723.67
Dues, subscriptions	586.00
Training	1,268.50
Depot Homecenter	260.06
Fire Barn	284.95
Fire Mutual Aid	4,327.77
Fire Tech & Safety	8,932.69
Ossippee Mtn. Electronics	2,019.80
Pufco - foam	738.00
Ralph's Supermarket	869.34
R.N. Johnson	253.13
Springfield Printing	353.17
Westminister Fire Dept	140.00
Miscellaneous	<u>451.05</u>
	\$ 52,504.85

EMT

Salary	26,258.34
FICA/Medicare	2,008.91
Health, Life Ins.	5,877.00
Retirement	928.46
Workers Comp/Unempl.	598.96
Miscellaneous	<u>14.34</u>
	\$ 35,686.01

Total Public Safety**\$423,747.24**

Public Works

Highway Department

Full-time Salaries	\$ 129,137.35
Part-time Salaries	5,573.45
Overtime	26,917.60
FICA/Medicare	12,368.49
Health, Life Ins.	26,612.62
Retirement	4,997.79
Workers Comp/Unempl.	9,563.17
Telephone	736.84
Gas	1,814.24
Diesel	8,409.88
Vehicle repair	25,188.47
Uniforms	3,019.04

Reconstruction

-Arthur Whitcomb	82.53
-Burtco	551.95
-Frank W. Whitcomb	17,614.86
-Paul Howard	2,678.00
-St. Pierre	4,472.49
-TCG Materials	5,702.94
-Ted Knox Tree Service	975.00
-Walter Piletz Bulldozing	1,000.00
-Winterset	496.00

Supplies

-A&M Automotive	311.62
-Atlantic	3,070.58
-Beaudry Ent.	983.50
-B & B Chain Co.	684.75
-D & L Thomas Eq.	291.70
-Depot	500.69
-Gurney Bros - sweeper	6,205.00
-Maynard Auto Supply	2,205.33
-Merriam-Graves	726.79
-Page New England	102.00
-Ralph Osgood	338.06
-Rhomar Ind.	348.97
-Sherwin Williams	435.00

-Miscellaneous	1,992.36
-NH State Prison	144.00
Culverts	2,150.57
Sand & Gravel	8,449.01
Equipment	
-A&M Automotive	1,097.63
-Agway	164.92
-GMS Hydraulics	405.99
-National Safety Eq.	194.15
-R.N. Johnson	338.62
-Safety Kleen Corp.	309.00
-Sosmetal Prod.	227.55
-Steve Fellows	337.30
-Miscellaneous	416.53
Snow & Ice Supplies	<u>21,108.60</u>
	\$ 341,452.93
Highway - Special Road Projects	
Center Street	\$ 5,371.06
Acworth Rd.-paving	70,299.39
Michael Ave - paving top	7,250.00
Old Springfield Rd.	38,165.08
Sidewalks	2,212.72
South Hemlock Rd.	9,725.00
Other roads	<u>12,100.00</u>
	\$ 145,123.34
Total Highway	\$ 486,576.27
Street Lighting	\$ 20,230.54
Transfer Station	
Full-time Salaries	\$ 43,783.79
Part-time Salaries	7,247.60
Overtime	1,581.36
Health, Life Ins.	6,551.28
FICA/Medicare	4,024.90
Retirement	807.81
Workers Comp/Unempl.	2,064.76
Telephone	449.25

Equipment	4,397.53
Grounds Maintenance	820.93
Dues & Subscriptions	475.75
Atco International	988.95
Depot Homecenter	114.55
Eagle Publications	159.08
Eastern Analytical, Inc.	3,536.10
McPherson Consulting	837.50
O'Connor Safety Equipment	50.83
Page New England	99.00
Ralph's Supermarket	43.02
Reliable Paper & Supply	387.62
Rydin Decal	564.93
Treas. State of NH	408.00
Viking Office Products	149.76
Miscellaneous	55.00
Gas/Diesel	705.07
Uniforms	1,082.14
Recycling	1,327.04
Gobin Demo	23,790.93
Gobin Trash	<u>196,307.37</u>

\$ 302,811.85

Total Public Works

\$ 809,618.66

Health & Welfare

Animal Control

Part-time Salaries	\$ 2,392.50
FICA/Medicare	183.04
Workers Comp/Unempl.	240.83
Veterinary Services	227.45
Gas	51.53
Eagle Publications	88.56
News Leader of Sullivan County	24.80
Postmaster	70.00
Stark & Son Machine	206.46
Town Crier	19.35
Valley Times Journal	<u>17.00</u>
	\$ 3,521.52

Health Agencies

Community Youth Advocates	2,500.00
Home Health Care	24,500.00
Sullivan County Hospice	1,500.00
Sullivan County Nutrition	<u>3,500.00</u>
	\$ 32,000.00

Health Officer

Salary	\$ 374.56
FICA/Medicare	28.65
Retirement	10.17
Workers Comp/Unempl.	19.06
Miscellaneous	<u>59.25</u>
	\$ 491.69
1996 expense to be pd. in 1997	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 691.69

Health & Human Services

Director - part-time	\$ 3,617.47
FICA/Medicare	254.67
Workers Comp/Unempl.	43.06
Telephone	964.74
Community Alliance	6,120.00
Office Supplies	44.85
Miscellaneous	303.64
Clients - medical	427.73
Clients - food	213.66
Clients - rent	8,519.38
Clients - fuel	1,018.23
Clients - transportation	915.00
City of Claremont	19.99
Granite State Electric	664.34
NH Electric Cooperative	538.65
Rick's Electric Inc.	51.85
Sullivan County Housing	1,025.00
Tn Charlestown, Tax Collector	<u>192.33</u>
	\$ 24,934.58

Total Health and Welfare**\$ 61,147.79**

Culture & Recreation

Parks & Recreation

Director - P/T Salary	4,242.63
FICA/Medicare	324.60
Worker's Comp., Unemp	216.49
Crowe, Rick - Reimbursement	954.94
Depot Homecenter	90.65
Ralph's Supermarket	372.78
Arthur Whitcomb Inc.	391.64
Fox Valley Systems Inc.	111.00
Prime-Stripe Inc.	232.17
Rick's Electric Inc.	433.90
Springfield Plumbing	320.00
Swimming Pool Guards	11,550.53
FICA/Medicare- Sw Pool	883.63
Worker's Comp.- Unemployment	
- Swimming Pool	427.47
Telephone - Swimming Pool	221.27
Charlestown Family Medicine	449.00
Customized Structures	188.40
Eagle Publications Inc.	156.59
NH West Chapter	340.00
Misc.	28.87
Swim Team	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 22,936.56

Library

Librarian - Salary	12,575.56
Assistant Librarian - Salary	11,758.75
P/T Salaries	13,958.05
Health Insurance	2,191.80
FICA/Medicare	2,929.44
Worker's Comp., Unemp	187.06
Telephone	939.53
Cook, Lois - Reimb	38.96
Supplies reimbursement	965.01
Fall Mtn. Internet Services	295.00
Follett Software Co.	165.00

Micro Systems Management	647.00
Mitinet/Marc Software	150.00
Moore, Michael	343.00
Quill	34.90
Postage	56.00
Equipment	648.94
Dues & Subscriptions	100.00
Misc.	338.72
Centennial	150.00
Travel	80.00
Conservation	107.55
Programs & Displays	<u>180.98</u>
	48,841.25
<u>Total Culture and Recreation</u>	\$ 71,777.81

Patriotic Purposes

Memorial Day	<u>300.00</u>
	300.00

Conservation Commission

NHACC	400.00
NHAWS	50.00
Ralph's Supermarket	<u>114.66</u>
	564.66

Debt Service

Principal - General Obligation	26,075.61
Interest - General Obligation	6,259.39
Interest - Tax Anticipation	<u>23,527.40</u>
	55,862.40

Special Articles

Fort #4	5,500.00
CEDA/T	2,500.00
Article 14 - Fire Truck	45,000.00
Capital Reserve - Recreation	<u>5,022.00</u>
	58,022.00

Capital Outlay

Highway	52,260.00
Ambulance Equipment	6,118.00
Computers	7,523.00
Police Vehicle	17,030.75
\$10,000 Miscellaneous:	
Mehren/Freeman, Architects	
- Bakery Building	3,030.62
NEIP of Keene, Inc.	
-refurbish copier	920.00
Edward O'Toole	
-Fire Station Maint	1,292.80
Paul & Son Ford Inc.	
-cruiser damage	1,867.00
Health & Human Services	
-refund of S.S.I.	<u>2,092.66</u>
	\$ 92,134.83

Total Current Year Expenses

-of General Fund \$ 2,001,252.85

Prior Year Obligations

1995 Accounts Payable	
-paid in 1996	\$ 18,605.27
1994 Retainage-Miller Const.	
-paid in 1996	1,859.73
1995 Retainage-Beaudry Const.	
-paid in 1996	4,225.19
1995 Carry-over-Cartographics	
-paid in 1996	895.00
1995 Carry-over-Fire Tech & Safety	
-paid in 1996	2,715.00
1995 Carry-over-Lessels & Depot	
-paid in 1996	<u>1,100.70</u>
	\$ 29,400.89

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
DECEMBER 31, 1996

COMMON FUND 1

	BALANCE 1/01/96	TRANSFERS TO	NEW BORROW	CHGS LOSSES	BALANCE 12/31/96
SILSBY PUBLIC LIBRARY	102,676.46	.19	.00	227.58	2349.82 105,253.86
MADE E. PROUTY-LIBRARY	21,744.43	.04	.00	48.20	497.64 22,292.26
MADE E. PROUTY-WORTHY POOR	14,198.15	.03	.00	32.13	331.80 14,862.09
SWAN FUND	2,003.09	.00	.00	4.44	45.84 2,053.37
POWELL WOOD FUND	39,856.55	.08	.00	88.34	912.14 40,857.04
CHARLES H. HOYT - STREET	31,591.97	.06	.00	76.02	723.00 32,384.99
CHARLES H. HOYT - HUSOLEM	10,712.90	.02	.00	22.64	233.73 10,692.27
CHARLES H. HOYT - HUSOLEM	1,807.71	.00	.00	4.01	41.37 1,853.09
PERPETUAL CARE 1081	213,735.90	.41	.250	.00	473.19 488.76 218,844.85
PERPETUAL CARE 1995	3,400.00	.01	.00	7.54	77.81 3,485.35
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	600.00	.01	2700.00	7.31	75.52 3,382.84
MORRIS METCALF FOUNTAIN TR	.00	.00	250.00	.55	5.72 256.28
ERNEST A. BIRBY-SCHOLARSHIP	62,535.60	.12	.00	138.51	1431.17 64,105.38
MALES - SCHOLARSHIPS	5,085.96	.01	1631.09	14.71	151.89 6,603.86
PRIDE IN CHARLESTOWN-SCHOLAR	2,164.55	.01	629.00	6.20	63.98 2,845.72
DOROTHY SAYCE - TREES	2,544.38	.00	.00	5.64	58.23 2,608.25
JAMES HEARNE TOWN HALL FO	1,394.32	.00	.00	3.09	31.91 1,429.32
EMMA HUNT - CONSERVATION COR	3,106.36	.01	.00	6.89	71.09 3,184.33
SAYCE FUND - LIBRARY	.00	.00	1076.77	2.39	24.64 1,103.80
DOROTHY SAYCE-SHUTTING POOL	.00	.00	1076.77	2.39	24.64 1,103.80
SAYCE FUND - STUDENT LOAN	.00	.00	1076.77	2.39	24.64 1,103.80
TOTAL COMMON FUND 1	518,880.34	1.00	8190.40	1168.24	12062.36 540,201.34

*****PRINCIPAL*****
12062.36

COMMON FUND 11

SAYCE FUND - LIBRARY	2,500.00	.00	-1076.77	.00	-1423.23 .00
DOROTHY SAYCE-SHUTTING POOL	2,500.00	.00	-1076.77	.00	-1423.23 .00
SAYCE FUND - STUDENT LOAN	2,500.00	.00	-1076.77	.00	-1423.23 .00
SUB TOTAL	7,500.00	.00	-3230.31	.00	-4289.69 .00
WESLEY & ROSE HUNT-LIBRARY	3,239.70	.00	-3237.31	.00	61.05 63.44
ELOISE A. KINSON HUNT FO-LIB	1,442.90	.36	-1482.90	.00	.00 .00
BRAITIA BLISH HUNT TRUST-LIB	3,000.00	.64	-3000.00	.00	.00 .00
TOTAL COMMON FUND 11	4,482.90	1.00	-4482.90	.00	.00 .00
GRAND TOTAL	534,302.94	3507.50	1168.24	7853.72	540,364.78

	400+'N TO RET	NEW FUNDS INCOME	ADJIS TRANSFERS	DIV REINVEST	INCOME EXPENDED	INCOME 12/31/96	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	.00	2221.93	.00	-6.25	52.44	7698.29	-9568.42 .00
	.00	1741.21	.00	-1.32	11.11	1630.30	-3381.29 .00
	18101.57	1160.96	.00	-63.41	7.41	1162.58	-272.00 20097.10
	.00	160.40	.00	-1.12	1.02	150.19	-311.49 .00
	4435.77	3191.56	.00	-15.76	20.36	3016.54	-2600.00 7648.47
	22280.65	2329.76	.00	-39.69	15.14	2414.27	-13994.00 14206.13
	7312.23	871.81	.00	-26.37	5.22	797.45	-40.00 8864.34
	798.42	144.75	.00	-2.83	.92	138.81	-96.00 982.00
	34278.89	17115.14	-1425.00	-90.87	107.04	16099.87	-45621.74 20463.53
	.00	.00	.00	-9.91	1.74	254.77	.00 256.42
	.00	.00	.00	-6.05	1.59	136.78	-80.31 80.31
	.00	1425.00	-4.19	.13	24.39	.00	1445.33 .00
	.00	5007.61	.00	-1.33	30.94	4485.45	-4000.00 3722.87
	82.49	400.86	-258.74	-.89	3.39	439.77	.00 666.80
	.00	173.49	175.90	-3.91	1.43	182.64	-250.00 283.07
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00 .00
	376.94	203.74	.00	-1.48	1.30	192.93	.00 773.43
	683.13	111.65	.00	-2.15	.71	104.60	.00 901.94
	.00	248.75	.00	-.91	1.59	233.74	.00 483.16
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00 .00
	.00	101.51	.00	.55	.55	98.34	-206.49 .00
	350.27	.00	101.51	-.63	.55	104.37	-266.40 289.67
	.00	101.51	.00	.55	.55	98.33	-132.09 68.39
	350.27	304.53	-131.73	.00	.00	244.31	-767.37 .00
	.00	131.54	57.12	.00	.00	188.03	-376.69 .00
	.00	68.33	2.04	.00	.00	58.42	-128.79 .00
	.00	121.81	16.62	.00	.00	104.13	-242.56 .00
	.00	190.14	18.66	.00	.00	162.55	-371.35 .00
	90048.43	35855.93	165.74	-258.35	265.10	40021.21	-65127.33 81215.13
	89698.36	35229.62	221.69	-258.35	265.10	39670.43	-43841.92 81215.13
				-258.35			81215.13

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN COMMON TRUST FUND
MS-10 DECEMBER 31, 1996

NO. OF SHARES	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENTS	BALANCE		PRINCIPAL PURCHASES	PROCEEDS FROM SALES		GAINS OR (LOSSES)		BALANCE		INCOME	
		BEGINNING YEAR	END OF YEAR						BEGINNING OF YEAR	END OF YEAR	INCOME DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR
5068	AT&T	6,840.91			-1,914.77	4,926.14					667.92	
	ALLIANCE BALANCE SHARES	36,528.33			54,113.09	17,584.76					1,457.18	
150	AMERITECH	2,358.94				2,358.94					636.00	
1,200	BALTIMORE GAS & ELECTRIC	10,517.76				10,517.76					1,896.00	
66088	BANK ONE CORP	20,498.02				20,498.02					877.20	
200	BELL ATLANTIC	2,830.73				2,830.73					572.00	
450	BELLSOUTH	3,065.62				3,065.62					648.00	
	THE BOND FUNDS OF AMERICA	70,194.54			73,517.57	3,323.03					4,876.43	
	CENTRAL IL PUBLIC SERVICE	17,112.50			10,443.00	-6,669.50					800.00	
750	DOMINION RESOURCES, INC.	11,093.80				11,093.80					1,935.00	
300	DU PONT DE REPOURS CO	20,202.42				20,202.42					669.00	
700	DUQUESNE LIGHT & POWER (OOE)	15,348.49				15,348.49					1,344.00	
	EATON VANCE GROUP	25,659.59			25,056.85	-602.74					578.00	
500	EXXON	6,346.57				6,346.57					1,560.00	
400	GENERAL MILLS	21,468.06		1,915.40		21,468.06					788.00	
	LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES	.00				1,915.40					.00	
539	NORTHEAST UTILITIES COMMON	393.62			69.39	-314.03					.00	
	NORTHEAST UTILITIES WARRANTS OUE 2000	13,832.87				13,832.87					1,053.00	
600	PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC (PECO)	7,494.69			3,225.00	-4,269.69					243.80	
	PHOENIX HIGH YIELD FUND	12,937.50				12,937.50					830.00	
500	POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER CO	55,318.71			40,505.37	-14,813.34					2,431.25	
	PUTNAM AMERICAN GOV'T INCOME FUND	2,975.34	265.10	100.00	3,519.77	179.33					.00	
	PUTNAM DIVERSIFIED INCOME TRUST	19,215.95			14,148.40	-5,071.55					1,331.76	
	PUTNAM HIGH YIELD TRUST	4,872.78				4,872.78					510.75	
1,000	SOUTHERN N.E. TELEPHONE	2,358.94				2,358.94					3,062.50	
	SOUTHWESTERN BELL CORP	50,656.25			50,000.00	-656.25					4,593.75	
50,000	US TREASURY NOTES 6.125% 12/31/96	.00			50,187.50	50,187.50					.00	
50,000	US TREASURY NOTES 6.125% 5/31/97	.00			50,609.38	50,609.38					129.93	
50,000	US TREASURY NOTES 6.375% 4/30/98	.00			50,796.88	50,796.88					-520.72	
50,000	US TREASURY NOTES 6.375% 5/15/99	.00			50,433.13	50,433.13					132.47	
50,000	US TREASURY NOTES 6.50% 8/31/01	.00									-142.86	
50,000	US TREASURY NOTES 6.50% 8/15/05	.00			50,343.75	50,343.75					188.10	
50,000	US TREASURY NOTES 6.5% 10/15/06	.00										
165	VANGUARD WELLSLEY INCOME FUND	3,237.31			-3,237.31	.00						
	TEMP INVESTMENT (PRIN)	40,632.08				85,301.79					8,477.49	
	TEMP INVESTMENT (ACCRU INCOME)	.00				.00					-3,364.74	
	FEES PAID TO NEW LONDON TRUST	.00				.00						

135,904.46 40,021.21 -85,127.33 81,215.14

534,302.94 265.10 354,406.04 289,558.23 -3,220.78 540,384.76

ADJUSTMENT TO COST BASIS DUE TO NON-TAXABLE DISTRIBUTION OF LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES
BANK ONE CORP - RECEIVED 60 SHS AS 10% STOCK DIVIDEND

NEW CEMETERY ACCOUNTS - 1992

FH (Forest Hill) HH (Hope Hill) PC (Pinecrest)
StC (St. Catherine) NR (Non-Resident) G (Graves)

<u>Date</u> <u>1992</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cem.</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>G</u>
Feb	01, 1991	Arris, W	\$100	HH	10		4
	28	Rich, M	125	PC	New Section		5
Mar	29	Bennett, M	25	HH	10		1
	29	Grace, S/S	150	PC	3-133A	NR	3
	29	Grace, H/J	100	PC	3-132		4
Apr	02	Daniels, S	50	PC	3-160		2
	19	Gray, M	50	HH	7		2
May	27	Stoughton, C	25	HH	11		1
June	12	Boniface, D	100	PC			4
	24	Maxham, T/R	50	PC	3-141B		2
	26	Partlow, S	50	HH	10	NR	1
July	03	Barnett, W/N	100	PC	5-202		4
	11	Pluto, M	(25)	PC	Refund		
	15	Howard, I	50	PC	4-173-B		2
	24	Harvey, M	50	HH	10	NR	1
	26	Benjamin, H/F	50	PC	3-114B	NR	1
Aug	14	Day, E	50	HH	8		2
	14	Jennison, B	50	PC	3-123B		2
	16	Demond, C	50	PC	3-126A		2
Sept	10	Kinney, H/A	50	PC	5		2
Dec	20	Blake, K	50	PC	3-124B	NR	1
Apr	02, 1992	Patch Lot	100	FH	4-217		5
Aug	26	Fairbank, B/G	200	StC	N9B		4
Feb	05	Brodeur, P/M	50	PC	4-207A		2
Mar	03	Clifford, D/R	50	PC	4-209A		2
Apr	02	Nichols, H	100	PC	4-201		4
May	13	Pellerin	150	PC	3-145B		3
June	01	Cox, J/T	100	StC	LD-4S		2
	10	Haynes, J/M	100	PC	4-207B		2
	23	Bashaw, C/P	100	PC			2
Aug	10	Ferland					

New Cemetery Accounts, Cont.d.

Sept	09	Stillings, C	100	PC	5-293B	2
Oct	07	Potter, M	100	StC	LD-9S	2
Dec	30	Greenleaf, N	<u>50</u>	PC	3-125A	1

\$2,625

1993

Jan	10	Paskerta/Russell	300	StC	LS-01ABCD/02CD	6
Feb	24	Pecor, L	100	C	5	NR 1
Mar	16	LaRock, L	50	PC	1-24A	1
	24	Kitto, W	50	PC	5-204B	1
Apr	05	Greenleaf, N	50	PC	3-125	NR 1
	22	Rechisky, M	200	PC	4-210	4
	28	Neilson, A/L	200	PC	4-211	4
June	03	Colburn, -/M	200	PC	1-32	4
	03	Stinson, W	200	PC	3-89	4
	07	Sylvester, A/R	100	PC	3-125B	NR 2
Aug	04	Kinson, G	100	PC	4-174D	NR 1
	11	Plante, Y	<u>50</u>	HH	10	1

\$1,600

1994

Jan	03	Ledoux, J/C	100	StC	S-D2	2
	07	Pebbles, G/D	100	HH	8-15A	2
	28	Davis, A	50	PC	5-204C	1
Mar	03	Reed, C/M	100	HH	8-5B	2
Apr	19	Baker, D/I	100	PC	4-202A	2
	25	Adams, E	50	PC	3-154B	1
May	16	Sweet, W/J	200	HH	8	4
	24	Nadeau, L	100	StC	S-D8 (1&2)	2
June	02	Blodgett, H/D	50	PC	5-204D	1
	06	Rowe, W/I	100	StC	S-E8 (3&4)	2
	06	Blais, P/P	100	StC	S-E8 (1&2)	2
	06	Nadeau, R/V	100	StC	S-D8 (3&4)	2
	10	Glodgett, B	100	HH	10	NR 1
	15	Collier, M	50	HH	8-23A	1
	17	Cilley, D/P	200	PC	3-109A	NR 2
	28	Neil, C	50	HH	10	1
July	11	Vire, M/C	50	PC	8-5C	1

New Cemetery Accounts, Cont.d.

Aug	25	Wing, J	200	PC	4-202B	4
Sept	16	LaBounty, J	50	PC	3-125C	1
	19	Ferland, D/M	200	HH	12-48	4
Oct	03	Ward, D	100	PC	4-203A	2
	12	Washhum, H/V	100	PC	3-101B	2
	18	Foster, S/D	100	HH	12-53A	2
Nov	15	Anderson, C	50	HH	8-22A	1
	17	Jewell, P/E	100	HH	7	2
Dec	14	Lovell, A	100	PC	4-212A	2
June	07	Shabott, D	<u>100</u>	StC	S-L(3&4)	2

\$2,700

1995

Mar	10	Gordon, L	(\$26.24)	Refund		
Jan	04	Szalucka	300	PC	11-1248	6
	25	King, A/L	200	PC	3-119B NR	2
Feb	10	King, F/J	150	PC	3-146B	3
Mar	20	Olsen, A/G	50	PC	4-209B	1
	23	Packard, M	50	PC	3-133B	1
	31	Kinney, J	50	PC	4-206D	1
Apr	03	Weeks, R/S	100	HH	8-15B	2
May	02	Davis, H	200	PC	4-193	4
	22	Higgins, C/J	100	HH	10	2
	22	Royce, D/P	200	StC	F-9	4
June	02	Neil, P	600	PC	4-213,4,5	12
July	19	McPhee, D	100	HH	12-49B	2
Aug	25	Weeks, R	200	PC	0	4
	28	Hanson, T/J	100	HH	7	2
	28	Hanson, E	200	HH	7	4
	28	Ryan, H	200	HH	7 NR	2
	30	Brown, R/H	50	HH	8-39D	1
Sept	25	Bashaw, A/C	50	PC	00	1
Oct	04	Davis, O	200	PC	4-194	4

1995

General Maintenance

Sept	29	Howard, R	200	PC	2-1277CD NR	2
Oct	04	Dodge, M	100	PC	0-1250	1
Nov	14	Bennett, C/L	100	PC	5-245	1

	29	Bernatchy, R/C	<u>400</u>	HH	8-6	4
			\$3973.76			
1996						
Jan	12	Bushway, R/R	200	PC	0-1250CD	2
	16	Quinn, K/E	100	HH	10-365D	1
	26	Colburn, E	200	PC	4-204AB	2
Feb	01	Heath, J/T	200	PC	4-204CD	2
	22	Nies, 3rd, F	200	PC	4-206BC	2
	26	Chase, K/H	300	PC	4-205ABC	3
Apr	01	Michaud, P	200	PC	5-243AB	2
	11	Dodge, M	100	PC	O-1250B	1
	23	Curcio, J/C	200	StC	E-3S	2
Aug	08	Bascom, O/E	200	HH	8-30CD	2
	06	Brennan, A	200	PC	4-220BC	2
Sept	04	Shepa, D	200	HH	12-81AB	2
	23	Brys, W/G	200	PC	4-218AB	2
Oct	07	Peck, A/C	<u>200</u>	PC	4-212CD	2
			\$2,700			

Barbara M. Jones, Treasurer
Trustees of Trust Funds
8 January 1997

SILSBY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT - 1996

The Centennial Year has come to a close and what a year it has been!!

The Trustees decided to spruce up the library, so for four week-ends in January and February they cleaned and painted. They purchased comfortable chairs and tables to make a pleasant reading area. This was accomplished with money donated by Mr. Edward Kelleher. New window treatments, which lighten the area, completed the project. We think it has really made a pleasing difference.

The Centennial celebration started in March with an Open House and Reception which was very well attended. More than one hundred people, including Senator Beverly Rodeschin and State Librarian Ken Wiggin, came to share in our celebration.

The next project was to have the library open on Saturday mornings on a trial basis. This was such a popular move that the library continues to be open on Saturdays between 9 A.M. and 12 noon. During the trial period we initiated a story-hour for the children on six consecutive Saturdays. Sharon Wood, a storyteller, visited during this time and told Tales from Around the World, which both children and adults enjoyed. This also was popular and requests for more Saturday story-hours have been received.

April was a very busy month, with a Visit with Senator Judd Gregg and An American Nurse at War for adults, and a VINS program, Owls & Hawks, for children and adults. All programs were well attended. Treasure Hunt, a special four week research program for young children, was started in March and completed in April with a party and prizes for participants. Jim Jenkins did a Fly Tying workshop, in May, which was enjoyed by a small but enthusiastic group. A display of memorabilia of local area Women in the Military - Past & Present was arranged by the Centennial Committee. Many visitors from out of town, as well as local residents, came to see this display.

Centennial Day, a Celebration with Charlestown, was held in June. An Art Show, Book Fair, food stands and entertainment & workshops for the children with Purly Gates were enjoyed by the many visitors. Centennial T-shirts, book bags, and note cards were available and are still available at the library.

Ed Hutchins, a one time Charlestown resident, visited from Cairo, N.Y. in July. He did two workshops on *Book Editions*, one in the morning for children and one in the evening for adults. Mr. Hutchins led the children through the process of making a special book and writing a story to go with the design. Each child completed a book which was then placed on display in the library for about a month, then taken home. The adults had a great time at the evening workshop, attempting at least twelve different book shapes and designs. One set of these designs was also placed on display. Also on display was a set of miniature books designed by Mr. Hutchins over the years. The *Summer Reading Program* for children was started in July and continued for six weeks. At the last session in August, *Michael Zerphy* entertained over one hundred and twenty five children and adults on the grounds of the library. A great time was had by all. The *Happy Hookers* put up a display of beautiful hand hooked rugs in September. This group spent an afternoon at the library hooking rugs, demonstrating the technique and answering questions from visitors.

One of the main events of the year - the *Wine Tasting Evening Fund Raiser* was held in October. It was a great success socially and financially thanks to all the donations of money, wine, food, decorations and door prizes. Money raised will go towards future programs at the library. Approximately eighty people attended and all seemed to have an enjoyable evening. Doris Hoffman was the winner of the painting donated by Kay Young.

John and Louise Rider did a program called *Behind the Veil - The World of Islam* in November. They showed slides and spoke of the customs in various Middle Eastern countries - especially how they affect women.

The first week in December three of the Centennial Committee members, Jenny Stone, Ro Metcalf and Kathi Moore decorated the newer section of the library with Dickens collectibles, pictures and books and invited everyone to *Visit a Dickens Christmas*. The library participated in the Christmas House Tour, on December 14, with Jenny Stone, Cathy Tanguay, Holly Shaw and Kathi Moore acting as hostesses. Sharon Wood visited in the morning to tell *Christmas Tales from Around the World*, with over twenty children and many adults listening. The library had more than one hundred visitors through out the day. John Cenney was the winner of the doll donated by Geri Longfellow.

As a final touch for 1996, the Board of Trustees decided to upgrade the patron

computer, which was donated in 1995 by Norwood Co., and add a modem and telephone line. This was done so that the library can provide access to the Internet for patrons early in 1997.

An updated Historical Booklet starting in 1786 with the first Reading Groups in Charlestown and ending with a resume of our Centennial year will be available in the library.

The Board of Trustees and the Centennial Committee wish to thank everyone who participated or aided in the success of this special year. It would have been impossible to accomplish all the above without you!! Thank You!!

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine A. Moore
Board of Library Trustees

SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT (to be used for general purposes)

12/31/95	Balance on hand	\$7,126.69
01/16/96	Prouty Trust	1,511.24
01/16/96	Hunt/Bailey Trust	189.89
04/04/96	Pottery Barn/check voided	267.50
11/11/96	Petty cash returned	75.00
11/22/96	Sale of computer	103.00
12/30/96	Hunt/Bailey trust	129.68
	Trans, from savings account	<u>448.00</u>
	Total income	\$9,851.00

Expended from Checking Account in 1996

Cash for book sale	\$ 75.00
Xerox for copier expenses	780.00
Sherwin Williams/paint	205.03
Transfer/trust fund account (part of Ed Kelleher gift)	300.00
Took out CD note from Kelleher gift	2,000.00
Kathi Moore, tapes, etc.	11.31
Barns of Bradford/furniture	1,132.00
Depot Home Center/poles for drapes	26.57
Anne's Upholstery for end table	110.00
Jenny Stone/paid for drapes	267.50
J. Lessels/repared 3 chairs	50.00
Colonial Florist/flowers for Edna	29.50
Claremont Custom Framing	87.00
A.L. Tyler & Sons/climate control	122.54
Micro Systems	1,494.05
Follett Software	1,602.23
Schwaab/ink stamp	23.50
Fruit basket for assistant librarian	26.76
Ralph's Market/gift certificate/H. Shaw	<u>25.00</u>
Total expense	\$8,635.49

12/31/96	Balance on hand	\$1,215.51
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR COPIER SUPPLIES AND MAINTENANCE

12/31/96	Balance on hand	\$ 120.34	
	Income/use of copier	518.75	
	Interest income for the year	<u>3.59</u>	
	Balance on hand	\$ 642.68	
	Transferred to checking		\$ 448.00

12/31/96 Balance on hand \$ 194.68

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT (to be used for books & magazines only)

12/31/95	Balance on hand	\$1,284.71	
1996 total	Silsby Trust	7,136.03	
1996 total	Sayce Trust	132.09	
1996 total	Blish Trust	225.94	
1996 total	Kinson Trust	126.75	
	Cash from overdue book fines	627.47	
	Memorial gifts	645.00	
	Book Sale	194.75	
	Misc. income	<u>69.40</u>	
	Total income	\$10,442.14	
	Less book & Magazine exp.		\$10,279.23

12/31/96 Balance on hand \$ 162.91

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (1996) Connecticut River Bank

Ed Kelleher gift to the Library	\$2000.00
Eloise Kinson taken out of New London Trust	\$1682.90
Britta Blish taken out of New London Trust	\$3000.00
Hunt/Bailey Trust invested in Vanguard	\$3568.95
Wellesley income fund	
No interest to report on CD notes as they have not matured.	

Ruth M. Smith, Treasurer

SILSBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of the Librarian

Circulation

Adult Books	9,972
Juvenile Books	10,700
Magazines	978
Cassettes, Records, Miscellaneous	<u>67</u>

Total Circulation 21,717

Book Stock

Books owned January 1, 1996	21,558
Books discarded	480
Books added by purchase	465
Books added by gift/donation	<u>279</u>

Total Books 21,724

Current registered Patrons - 2,137

A century of progress coupled with strides made in 1996, give Silsby Free Public Library a strong foundation with which to enter a new century.

With the year's celebration of goodwill wishes for all behind us, we at the Library settle down to master the technological advances we completed in 1996. The grant project, entitled "Project Access", was completed on schedule with the installation of a new Pentium Hardware System, together with an updated circulation software program from Follett. Coupled with the installation of a Windows Operating System, this new system greatly enhanced our abilities of modem access, enabling us now to directly enter our own collection records into the State Library's system--a vital operation since the State's shift of responsibility to the individual libraries in June. This together with other libraries' holdings makes up what is called the State Library's "Union List", which, in turn, is the basis for the Interlibrary Loan System (ILL).

Through modem access in ILL we can search out a book which a patron is looking for that is not directly available in our Library, confirm the availability of the book at another library, place a reserve on that book and expect it will be delivered, via the State Library's Van Service, within a short period of time. In essence, this means, the patrons of Silsby Library have the collections of some two hundred libraries of the state literally at their fingertips to read. So, for the

cost of this system, you have not the mere 20,000 books of our collection available, but some 4.9 million. Great is the effort of the State Library to sustain this program for it knows libraries face the constant threat of shrinking budgets.

I would like to thank those whose special talents added greatly to the library's display programming this year. Brenda White for her work with Disney, the Happy Hookers for their hooked rug work, Eda Hanson for her Avon collection and Tim Hanson for his original clay work. Also, a special thank you to Kathi Moore for her many fine displays. And to Kay Young and Ron Martel for keeping us in art work all year.

Volunteers play a vital part in the support of the Library. First and foremost the Trustees should be recognized. Others include Jo Aiken, Antonette Backman, Megan Coleman, Jan Cruger, Mary Currie, Keri Greenwood Stephen Hess, Mary Holze, Karen Raudonis and Holly Shaw. Their many hours of time make this a better library for all.

With sincere regret we note the passing of Clinton Howard and Robert McDevitt, both ardent supporters of this Library. Their presence is missed.

Mr. Michael Moore gave many hours to aid installation of our computer system. Thank you. Also, I would like to thank Helen and Harry Nelson of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, who, through their daughter, Susan Coleman of Charlestown, donated a microwave for the staff to use. A much appreciated gift.

The Garden Club continues their support through weekly flowers and plants, while the many patrons and residents of the area give generously of books to add to our collection or pass on to others. Thank you all.

The love and response of the staff and patrons during my convalescence is something I will long remember. The many inquiries, cards, calls and visits did as much, if not more, for me than any other form of medicine. Healing is an amazing process, much more so with love and prayer. Thank you all.

Most sincerely yours,
Lois H. Cook
Head Librarian

REPORT OF THE CHARLESTOWN SELECTMEN

As we have in past years, we would like to take an opportunity to recognize the dedication of the many boards and committees which are a part of the Town. The Finance Committee has just concluded a longer than usual period of reviewing department budgets and has, as is customary, made some sound recommendations for improving efficiency and economy while providing services to the community. We would also single out the important and often difficult task which the Planning Board has assumed, as it continues to work through revision of the ordinances which guide the growth and protect the resources of our community. Members have spent a grueling year working to achieve some balance between the need to strengthen the economy of Charlestown, while at the same time preserving its natural heritage and resources, not an easy assignment.

The Highway Advisory Board has been called upon to assist in decisions relating to drainage improvements and equipment choices, and we appreciate their help with these difficult decisions. This year, however, we would also like to pay tribute to the many volunteer organizations operating within our community, doing so much to make Charlestown a great place to live and work and raise our families. Without these organizations and the human and financial resources which they direct, there would be much less to recommend our town, with one of the highest tax rates in the State (and the *only* toll bridge).

The risk in recognizing the good deeds of these organizations, is that we may miss other equally-deserving groups. We sincerely hope that we will be forgiven any unintended oversight, should that be the case. It is a function of busy lives that we can each belong to only a few of the many organizations involved in making our Town the best it can be, and we will necessarily mention those with which we are most familiar. We hope that this will provide residents with a sense of the works carried out by these organizations and that they, in turn, will get involved and/or will tell us of projects of other groups also working to bring about the betterment of our community.

Among the many organizations which have helped the Town this year are: the Charlestown Rotary Club, not only providing assistance with architect's fees but taking on the much needed refinishing of the Town Hall floors (they are really beautiful); the Charlestown Women's Club, making our holiday season brighter, with its annual Christmas decoration and lighting program, and which provides

the best opportunity for all residents to be informed as to what is to be voted at Annual Meeting (done in a fast-paced format with great refreshments); the Charlestown Senior Citizens who conduct programs of health screening and flu shots, as well as numerous opportunities for our seniors to socialize (keeping our older friends healthy of body *and* mind); CEDA/ T, whose members not only expend great efforts to keep us informed of all that is going on in Town, with the community bulletin board, for the walkers, and Our Town, for those of us who prefer to who prefer to let our fingers do the walking (that new, month-at-a-glance calendar is the greatest!), but who also took on the colossal task of putting together the Charlestown Community Profile workshop, the excitement and energy from which is, and will continue to be a driving force for making Charlestown all that it can be in the future; we must also thank CEDA, which assisted with the financing of a much-needed study, instrumental in the Planning Board's on-going efforts to tailor our zoning to suit the community's needs, and for continuing to press the Department of Transportation for approval of the access road to the existing CEDA Park, from Route 12, in order that we may one day reduce the traffic through a residential neighborhood, while continuing to allow for the growth of industries located within; the VFW, which annually oversees the appropriate observation of patriotic holidays, including dedication of flags for such occasions; Friendly Family Meals, which turns the Community Room into a great place to enjoy good food among good company twice a month (without busting anyone's budget); and the Charlestown Garden Club, which (with the help of numerous friends with green thumbs) annually undertakes the bringing of spring-time to Charlestown, with its planting and nurturing of fragrance and color in every nook and cranny in Town, with splendid blooms lasting until frost sets in.

The work of these groups is carried out with little fuss and bother, much of it done by the same few dedicated (and frazzled) individuals belonging to a number of these organizations. As we all know, many hands make light work and most of these groups are actively recruiting new and dedicated members. We sincerely hope that any residents having the time, interest and commitment will seek them out and return their kindness.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Stone, Chairman Jon B. LeClair Robert T. Frizzell
Charlestown Board of Selectmen/Water and Sewer Commissioners

1996 REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department received approximately 14,000 phone calls this year and handled over 6,000 Police matters. The Police matters did not include Town business, informational requests or non police related incidents. The various crimes investigated by the Police is the same as last year; at 450 and that developed 157 arrests; an increase over the year before that was 124 arrests.

The Police budget for 1996 (that ended December 31st), came in under budget by a few thousand dollars. The exact savings is unknown at this point, as I prepared this report the third week of December. For the 1997 year's budget, I have entered a level funded budget request.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the area businesses and friends of the Police Department for their financial support during last fall's fund raiser. The businesses and local residents that helped us with the fund raiser are truly a credit to the community. The funds raised have enabled the Police Association to expand on, and to pay for, the Primary School *Kids & Cops Program*, to offer educational scholarships and to help pay for needed equipment at the Police Department.

In November and December 1996, the Charlestown Police Department assisted the Charlestown VFW Post #8497, sponsors of the *KIDCARE ID Program*. This program offered Identification Booklets to area school children from pre-school through fifth grade. Participation by the children was voluntary and at no cost to either the children or the School District. Over 300 children and several teachers from the Fall Mountain Early Learning Center, Charlestown Primary School and North Charlestown Community School participated in the program. Rosemary Speckman, veteran Police Dispatcher and President of VFW Women's Auxiliary, supervised the project. She was assisted by Sgt. Edward Smith and Dispatcher Phyllis Siani with over 14 man hours apiece invested in the project. Each child received an ID Booklet that will be kept by their parents. The Booklets are expandable, in that current information and photos can be updated periodically for five years by the parent. This is useful in the event the child becomes lost or missing.

It has been my pleasure to work as Police Chief over the last two years and I am looking forward to serving you in the years to come.

REPORT ON POLICE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Last year, after Town Meeting a Police Committee (consisting of five people) was formed to look at the overall operation and scheduling of the Police Department. At one of the meetings, I was asked to look into the possibility of contracting with another dispatch center for assistance and to see if this would benefit our Town with services and operating costs.

As a result of my inquiries with surrounding towns, I learned that many of the towns with between four and six full-time Police Officers, in Cheshire County, such as Swanze, Chesterfield, Troy, Winchester, Jaffrey and Fitzwilliam did not have their own Dispatch Centers. These towns are dispatched out of South Western Fire Mutual Aid Dispatch Center, in Keene, New Hampshire, at a cost far less than each town having their own Police Dispatch.

In 1996, when the entire State of New Hampshire went to the 911 system, the 911 committee had new town maps printed for Charlestown that identify every residence by name and by address number. The maps have been printed in book form and the books are kept by each town, either in the emergency vehicle or at dispatch, or both. This has been a tremendous help to Emergency Services in locating victims, no matter who dispatches for us.

In the process of setting up the 911 system for our town in 1996, the 911 committee required that each town have a back-up plan in the event the phone lines went down or that the town was without power. The back-up system we have now is an automatic ring-over to the Claremont Police Dispatch Center, that has worked successfully in the two snow and ice storms where we lost power and phone lines.

In the very near future, the New Hampshire State Police are going to have available to all local Police agencies, a new State of the Art Communication System throughout New Hampshire, to include every county and local Police Department.

This system will be installed in every patrol unit in the State and will consist of a telephone, a radio and a computer, all in one package. This radio-computer system will enable the local Police, Sheriff, Fish & Game, Probation and State Police Officers to complete their report writing in the field and to have at their finger-tips, the capability of reaching any other agency, state wide. When the

system is on line, we may have the option of state-wide dispatching.

Knowing this communication system is not just an idea, and that the system is more than half completed, I have written a Federal Grant request for lap-top computers to be used by the duty officers to complete their own reports in readiness for the change.

The intention of this change is not to affect the 24 hour coverage of police officers, but rather to assist the Charlestown Dispatch on "off hours", at a savings to exceed one third of the existing Police Dispatch budget (over \$30,000.00 savings). The week day hours, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, will remain the same and we will dispatch our police officers and the Ambulance Service as well.

In support of the proposal, I would like to say that I agree with the change and that I have also discussed the idea with officials of the New Hampshire Police Standards & Training Council and with an area Chief Communications Specialist, who all agree that this idea is cost-effective and that Charlestown should at least try it for one year.

Michael S. Burnham
Chief of Police
Charlestown Police Department

POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT

At the suggestion of the Finance Committee, when building the 1996 Budget, the decision was made to form a committee which would work closely with the Chief of Police, to review department policies, practices and staffing, to better understand the workings of the Department. The Committee was formed early in the year and many of the early meetings were used for familiarizing committee members with the vast amount and great variety of paperwork which must be completed in conjunction with the daily routine of the Department.

Among the suggestions made by committee member Sheriff Michael Pozzo, for improving the daily operations, was that the Department increase the level of visibility of the Officers, by stepping up the number of foot patrols in the downtown area. These patrols not only act as a deterrent to criminal activity but also can be used as a means of providing positive role models for the youth of our community. In conjunction with this recommendation, the Department daily directs traffic at the intersection of Paris Avenue and East Street, performing a very important safety function for the Primary School children. We feel that it will be beneficial for the Department to seek other opportunities to maintain a higher profile and other opportunities for interaction with the members of community.

Another recommendation of the committee was that the Chief review Department scheduling to determine whether an adequate level of coverage could be managed while reducing shift overlaps. These changes have been incorporated into the scheduling with no apparent loss to coverage. Still needing work is a recommendation that the Department devote less time to patrols on Route 12 and spend more on the side streets in Charlestown.

Our committee recommends that there be an on-going committee established for the Police Department, acting as advisory to the Department, much as the Highway Advisory Board does for the Highway Department. We also would like to thank Sheriff Pozzo for his valuable input and Chief Michael Burnham for his understanding and cooperation during this year. The members of the Committee strongly support the change in dispatching operations recommended by the Chief.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Michael Pozzo
Mickey Bascom

Elaine VanVelsor
Robert Stone

Steven Neill
Chief Michael Burnham

1996 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1996 completed my first full year as your Fire Chief and a busy one it was. Our overall fire and emergency responses were up to 122 call which ranged from auto accidents and CO2 Detector calls to one of the largest fires this Department has ever seen. We started in the spring with the floods in South Charlestown, the Precision Assembly fire in the summer and ended with helping our neighbor Springfield, Vt. with several arson related structure fires. Along with several other mobile home and structure fires of our own.

Our new fire truck arrived in the fall and we are very happy with the projects actions. Thanks to the townspeople and generous contributions from the members of the Old #4 Fire and Hose Company and Stanley and Helen Patch and Precision Assembly as well as Whelan Engineering which donated the light package.

Our training program has been well attended. Six members attended the National Fire Academy Training Program in the spring at Emmitsburg, Maryland. Also four others completed the firefighter level 1 class in the fall.

We also continued our successful Fire Protection Week program put on by my Assistant Chief Gary Stoddard and other Department members. This program is sponsored in part by the local hands and insurance agents. We thank them very much for their support. I have been busy with many building inspections and fire code inspections along with my duties as Executive Board member of the New Hampshire Fireman's Association.

In closing I wish to thank the townspeople for their support during the past year and also members of the Highway, Police, and Ambulance Departments. Last but not least to the members and their wives whom without them and their support we would not be able to have a Fire Department that we have. Again my thanks to everyone and I am looking ahead to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary R. Wallace
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery Sexton Daryl Royce, with his workers Ernie Haley and Ryan Royce, did an excellent job keeping the five cemeteries looking good last year.

In addition to general maintenance and burials, the cemetery department completed the following projects in 1996:

A partition was built in the Hearse House, located on Briggs Hill in Forest Hill Cemetery, dividing the building in half. This created a separate area for the storage of election paraphernalia (i.e. voting booths, ballot boxes, etc.) in the Briggs Hill side of the building. A ramp and door were built on the cemetery side of the building allowing storage of the tractor and lawn mowers, as well as a work area. The "brick building" is now used as storage for equipment, which is not generally used on a daily basis.

The entire fence along both sides of the entrance to Pinecrest Cemetery, as well as a short section separating the cemetery from Twin Maples Park (the northerly boundary of the park), was replaced with pressure treated split-rail fence.

The Trustees, with the Sexton, have put together a list, by priority of importance, of work needed to be done in the cemeteries. Hopefully each year an item will be completed or worked on, such as work on the roads and fences.

Respectfully submitted by Trustees:

Mary Gray
Victoria Sargent
Dona A. Mates

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In addition to its regular meetings, held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, the Planning Board has in the past year been deeply involved in the process of drafting revisions to the Town's Master Plan and Zoning Regulations, in an attempt to address some mounting conflicts and tensions within the community. Competing interests made the task of reviewing applications in Zone E not only extremely difficult but frequently contentious and, in one instance, resulted in a lawsuit being brought against the Board. While the Board's decision was upheld in court, the impacts upon the financial and emotional resources were high for all involved.

Charlestown has long prided itself in a freedom from zoning restrictions which few communities with such a wealth of resources dare afford. It now appears that we have come to a point when we must begin to reevaluate the health, safety and general welfare issues which are the basis of planning law and, as a community, come to grips with the potential impacts of unguided and unrestrained development. Charlestown has infrastructure which is the envy of other communities, both in New Hampshire and neighboring Vermont. Among the attributes which are currently attracting potential developers to our town are its large, readily developable, land parcels, having relatively well-drained soils and access to the railroad, the interstate, three phase power, and in some instances, to the municipal water and waste water systems. Because some of these parcels may also be viable, if not prime, agricultural lands, in close proximity to residential neighborhoods, our community and certain land-owners are now faced with the need to make some critical decisions.

With the aim of providing information to enable residents to reach informed decisions on the issues before us, the Planning Board, in conjunction with and with assistance from many community groups and individuals, has moved forward with all reasonable speed and intensity to gather and compile the factual data into useful and comprehensible documents. Additionally, we have utilized this data as the basis in formulating the numerous zoning amendments which will be recommended to the voters in March, to be voted in April.

The Board has put much research, thought and time into the amendments which will be presented to the voters, meeting weekly and frequently twice a week, in addition to joining with other groups also grappling with the critical issues of protection of our resources and our neighborhoods. We would like to express our gratitude to those who have been equally dedicated to this sometimes painful process.

We wish to thank CEDA/ T for initiating efforts to bring the Upper Valley 2001 and Beyond program to Charlestown. It was a monumental undertaking and has generated the interest and provided the focus necessary to motivate numerous individuals and community groups toward becoming actively involved in the process of creating growth and change within our community. Another of the groups, the Zoning Re-evaluation Committee, which we also here commend for their high level of persistence and participation, is an out-growth of the Community Profile. Their members sat through many of our lengthy meetings, in addition to their own, to hammer out recommendations for a new E-1 Zone in North Charlestown Village, also providing input to the discussions on the Drinking Water Protection Ordinance and revisions to Zone E.

We also like to thank David Sussman, for his tireless dedication to the analysis necessary to quantify the impacts of various types of development upon our community and its taxpayers. His factual presentation of the data has been and will continue to be essential to the process of revision of our Master Plan and ordinances.

And we especially wish to thank the members of CEDA, who, understanding the importance of the dilemma with which the Town was faced, provided the financial support for a study designed to evaluate the impacts of past industrial development on the community, to develop criteria for evaluating industrial sites and then to evaluate several sites within the community, utilizing the criteria developed in the second phase of the study.

Members feel that, through the assistance of these groups and many other individuals, we have been presented with a wealth of data on which to base sound recommendations for the zoning amendments proposed. We have been buoyed by the high level of participation in the process, especially because, at its best, zoning is a compromise. Charlestown has reached a cross-roads, at which we must each, by our vote, balance the rights of private individuals against the health, safety and welfare of the community as a whole. This is not to say the community must change radically, only that we must decide together what our future will be and then choose a course which can be reasonably expected to get us there. The process is not unlike taking a vacation, in that we first must decide our destination (planning). We may depart our cross-roads with a map and/or compass (ordinance/regulation) in hand to get us to our destination. While we could continue to opt for randomly selected routes (Zone E) and could possibly reach our destination quite by accident, we think that it is much likelier in the former instance. We believe that the approval of the zoning and building code amendments and the adoption of the Drinking Water Protection Ordinance will provide

the compass and road map to get us from here to our desired destination.

We sincerely hope that all voters will take an opportunity to obtain copies of the Housing section of the Master Plan, the Industrial Development Study, prepared by Herr & James, and the proposed Zoning Ordinance, Building Code and Drinking Water Protection Ordinance, which are truly the products of the hard work and dedication of many. Please take the time to read the suggested material, talk with Planning Board members and/or attend a forum and become familiar with the proposed changes.

We firmly believe that endorsement of the proposed amendments will help to bring about a strengthened tax base, protection of property values, economic betterment for individuals and the Town, as well as greater safeguards for our drinking water supplies.

Thank you,

Sharon Francis, Chair	Roger Thibodeau, Vice-Chair	Kennith Champney
Henry Ferland	Robert Frizzell	Aare Ilves
Gail Fellows, Alt.	Dianne Lessels, Alt.	Daniel McPherson, Alt.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As 1996 comes to a close I would like to share some of the events and accomplishments that took place within the Recreation Department and in the Town for recreational activities and events.

Fund-raising: The Recreation Department (through the efforts of many) has managed to raise approx. \$5,000.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Building Fund this year. Fund-raising events consisted of: a baseball raffle, Winter Carnival dance and broom hockey, soccer mug promotion, 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, teen dances and a basketball foul-shoot to name a few. I wish to thank all of those who helped organize the fund-raisers and those who helped through donations.

Recreation/Sports Programs: The following indicate the increase in the number of children participating in recreation programs over the previous year:

Baseball/Softball/T-Ball (112 players in 1996) (98 players in 1995)

Soccer (198 players in 1996) (176 players in 1995)

Basketball (100 players in 1996) (110 players in 1995)*

As you can see we have had a great turn-out for our programs and hope that the trend continues in the future years. We can use all of the support that the community has to offer. None of the success that we have had would be possible if it weren't for the dedication of parents and friends that volunteer time to coach and referee in our programs. This year I would like to thank all of the people that made these programs possible and made them successful. They are as follows (I hope I don't forget anyone):

Basketball: Tracey Smith, Charlie St. Pierre, Rich Paskerta, Cheryl Ravlin, Beth Gosekamp, Mike Gosekamp, Bob Bailey, Dan Champney, Mike Allen, Mike Tenney, Shawn Chase, Mark Williams, George Baker, Ron Stewart, Art Bates, and Mark Robbins.

Soccer: Marcia West, Paul Judd, Wendy Balcom, Tammy Freckleton, Gary Ferland, Laurel West, Pat Crowley, Doug Webb, Mark Robbins, Bill Testa, Terry Henderson, Jim Campbell, Vic St. Pierre, Ron Stewart, Kerry Johnson,

* due to change in school team lay-outs

George Baker, Ross Houghton, Steve Blanchard, and many more who assisted in the soccer program.

Baseball: Paul Judd, Bill McDonald, Doug Webb, George Baker, Mike Allen, Ron Stewart, Kerry Johnson, Rich Paskerta, David Weigel, Carolyn Greenwood and many more who assisted with the Baseball/Softball/T-ball program. Too many times these people who spend so much time in making these programs work don't get the recognition that they deserve.

Town Pool: The pool had a good year in 1996. Shawn Stevens was the pool manager and did a good job for us and worked well with the staff and the Recreation Department. It is a challenge to find and properly train the staff but I think that Shawn and his staff did a good job and maintained the high standards that we like to see in our community. The pool staff also held costs down and came in under budget for the season. We did have some concerns from townspeople about the hours that the pool was open and the fact that we close too early in the season, however, as we have a lot of college students, it makes it difficult when they have to be at school earlier than the local schools. We are trying to address this problem for next year and hope we can work something out that makes sense.

Winter Carnival: Winter Carnival always seems to be a big draw for the Recreation Department and one of the reasons for that is the persistence of Cathy Boivin. She has headed this event with the help of others and she does a great job and executes it well. She has been a great asset to Winter Carnival and to the Recreation Department through the years.

My sincere thanks to all who worked so hard in 1996. Let's look forward to another good year in '97 and strive to achieve even higher standards.

Sincerely,
Rick Crowe
Recreation Director

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The last year has been a good one for our Recreation Programs. Some of the numbers of kids for certain sports was down, in others it was up. We also hired a new Recreation Director, Rick Crowe. The Committee feels this was a very productive move. Rick is very dedicated to the kids and programs of our community.

Also, we had a survey to determine the needs of the Community regarding a Community/Recreation building. The response was in favor of a program like this. It is an ongoing endeavor for the Recreation Committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches, parents and volunteers for their help in our programs. Without their help we could not accomplish as much as we do. Finally, a thank-you to the Recreation Committee. I feel we are very fortunate to have this group of people who donate so much of their time. They are Bob Bailey-Vice Chairman, Sue Ahern-Secretary, Mark Robbins, Barry Kinne, Jim Campbell, Mike Allen, Dennis Thompson, Tracey Smith and Cathy Boivin.

Respectfully,
Dan Champney
Recreation Committee Chairman

Recreation Dept. Survey

This survey is to determine the needs of the community in regards to a Community/Recreation facility. This survey is designed to give the residents of Charlestown an opportunity to have input in the contents and location of such a facility in the Town of Charlestown.

1. Do you feel that the Town of Charlestown needs a Community/Recreation facility? If yes, please complete questions 2 thru 6.

306 surveys returned: 266 yes, 40 no.

2. Please check the following items that this facility should incorporate.

<u>197</u> A. Senior Center	<u>232</u> B. Basketball court(s)
<u>106</u> C. Indoor soccer	<u>99</u> D. Game room
<u>75</u> E. Weight room	<u>229</u> F. Banquet room
<u>206</u> G. Locker rooms	<u>227</u> H. Kitchen facilities
<u>56</u> I. Tennis court	<u>X</u> J. other (in-door pool, craft area, volleyball, skating, slot-cars, etc.)

3. What area of town would you like to see this facility located in? Give approximate location by street or area landmarks.

Fling Road (across from transfer station), Patch Park, Town Pool area, Rice's Field, Sullivan Street area, open field on Springfield Rd., North Charlestown School area and others.

4. If this facility were to be built, what events do you feel could be held to offset some of the operating costs of this facility?

Tournaments, sporting events, camps, concerts, dances, banquets, dinners, craft shows, "buy a brick", membership fees, etc.

5. If this facility were to be built, do you feel that this facility warrants the Recreation Department hiring a full-time Recreation Director? Explain :

Yes 167; No 65; Not sure/no answer 34

6. If a sizeable donation were to be made to make this facility possible, would you as a resident and taxpayer be inclined to accept such a donation?

Yes 246; No 20



REPORT OF FORT AT NO. FOUR LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM

Thanks, in part, to the generous support of the Town in 1996, in the amount of \$5,500, the Fort entertained over 11,000 visitors from all over the United States, countries in the Far East, Asia and Europe, conducted 23 separate events, brought over 500 re-enactors, from points as far away as Pennsylvania and Ottawa, Canada, and gave tours to 3,300 children, 130 of which were from Charlestown. The Fort employs 12 full or part-time staff, is grateful for the services of 15 full-time volunteers plus the 20 members of the Board of Trustees, and accomplished all of this on a budget of \$ 157,000 in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1997.

The Fort is Charlestown's hidden jewel and, with the enthusiasm and support that is so evident in the people involved, we can become, in the near future, a significant feature in the Valley and the Northeast. Such an attraction can continue to help the local economy immeasurably.

Early in the summer of 1996, the Board of Trustees endorsed the proposal to conduct a re-enactment of a siege that was mounted on the Fort by the French and Indians 250 years ago in 1747. A similar undertaking was conducted at the village fort in Louisbourg, Nova Scotia two years ago, where, despite its remote location on the eastern tip of the island, over 20,000 people attended. The Fort at No. Four Siege on July 25, 26 and 27, 1997, should draw an estimated 12,000 people and the budget for the event is \$130,000 to cover expenses.

To help defray some of this basic expense, the Fort is asking the Town to raise and appropriate the sum reflected in the 1997 warrant. Recognizing that such a request adds to the tax burden, the Trustees have offered free admission to the residents of Charlestown for the year, including the Siege event. The added tax burden amounts to an increase of about \$5.70 on a \$1900 tax bill for a \$50,000 house and the free admissions amount to \$9 per person or \$22.50 per household.

The staff and Board of Trustees thank you for supporting the Fort and invite your participation in the Siege and throughout the year.

George Moulton, Director

CHARLESTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

CEDA has had a very productive year helping the community of Charlestown. Even though our mission can encompass a wide range of community involvement, since our beginning in 1983, we have mainly been involved with the commercial and industrial development of the long-standing empty American Optical property, now called CEDA PARK. This year, we sold our last lot. We have been very pleased with the quality of the businesses we selected and they have proven to be a great asset to the Community.

We have also been involved with land on Lover's Lane. As you know, the Town has been testing possible well sites for several years to protect future needs. The best site was found on the northwest corner of the Lover's Lane bridge over the railroad. With the time and financial limitations of the Selectmen, and in the best interest of the community of Charlestown, CEDA purchased this land, subdivided it into 6 lots, and gave the well site, known as Bull Run, to the Town. The Town eventually bought another lot for protection, and we sold some of the excess railroad land on the east side of the tracks to the abutting property owners, the Davises. As you also know, the State replaced the railroad bridge and a new Lover's Lane road this year, and now we have a more desirable piece of property with three lots for sale. This was a great example of how CEDA can help their community, with a Win-Win situation.

Recently, CEDA has met with the Selectmen and the Planning Board to find common ground on issues to help each other. The result was the Planning Board asking CEDA to fund a consultant study of three issues of interest: first, to evaluate the economic benefits of CEDA Park to the Town; second, to help the Planning Board select criteria for industrial zoning; and third, to help the Planning Board evaluate and suggest sites for future industrial zones. CEDA did fund this consultant study up to \$10,000, with the firm of Herr, James and Associates of Meredith, New Hampshire. We hope the voters of Charlestown will support the new industrial sites as proposed by their Planning Board. CEDA has also been involved with the Toll Bridge situation and with the possibility of getting a direct access road onto Route 12 at CEDA Park. These both involve negotiations with the State of New Hampshire, utilizing a great deal of energy, with little success to date.

Many of the administrative needs of CEDA have been contracted out to Sullivan County Economic Development Committee (SCEDC), and their executive

director Steve Marro. They also help the Town with any long-term facilities planning and funding, and are a source for grants and other civic-related activities of local government. Currently and in the future, CEDA will be involved with a strategic planning process, which will enable us to decide if we will purchase land to develop, or help land owners and developers with their own projects, while remaining constantly vigilant of the quality and economic benefits to Charlestown.

CEDA supported the Community Profile Program, through its sub-committee, CEDA-Tourism. During the Community Profile, on the first night, a question was asked--"What could be the greatest result or the best thing we could do for the Community of Charlestown?". Someone yelled out---"Cut the property taxes in half", and there was a great roar of applause. This point of interest must be taken seriously, and two familiar topics come to mind that have a very strong economic relationship as to how to start work on this problem: the topic of enhancing the zoning regulations in our community and the Fall Mountain School District formula. Charlestown voters must realize how these issues are tied to each other. The other Towns in the Fall Mountain School District believe that Charlestown has not kept its house in order, by making tough decisions to protect property values. These points are verified by the number of Charlestown studies in the school district, that point to the weakness of our zoning regulations, the small minimum lot sizes, and lack of usual community efforts to protect property values and thus keep taxes low. The results of a low value housing property that enters our community and its tax contribution compared to the services needed; school, road, police, fire, etc., causes everyone's taxes to increase. Citizens must realize that this is not a personal issue--it is an economic issue that takes money from every taxpayer. Voters should show the surrounding communities that Charlestown can make the tough decisions to protect our economic future. Consider supporting restraints on low value housing property and enhancing our zoning regulations so that the planning board has some teeth to protect our property values, thus help to keep taxes lower.

Lastly, CEDA will continue to promote and enhance the economic climate of Charlestown. If we can be of any help or if you would like more information, please contact us.

Sincerely, Board of Trustees CEDA:

Leo Corriveau	Irene Domini	George Grabe, President
	Gary Gray, Vice President & Treasurer	
	Mary Gray, Secretary	
Jon LeClair	Jeff Lessels	Walter Harrington
Howard Mortenson	Bill Testa	Shirley Wakeman.

REPORT OF CEDA/ T

CEDA-Tourism has had another exciting year. We have been involved with many projects which promote and enhance the recreational, natural, cultural and historic assets of our community of Charlestown.

One of our main interests is to help community groups insure the greatest success when planning an event. To enhance success from the initial discussions of an event, we suggest that community groups pick a common date, and then work together to provide a wider variety of activities which will attract more people. Then, all the advertising and promotion will benefit more groups by attracting more people to our community to participate and spend their money.

We had a great summer with the *WELCOME CENTER*. We were able to use the Bakery Building. We cleaned out the main floor, washed, painted, replaced a window frame, replaced wainscoting, and replaced carpet. We thank all of you who so graciously donated your time and effort to this worthwhile project. Our purpose was to have a display area to promote our community. We had displays by area artists. There was a changing display by the Charlestown Historical Society. Local businesses like Boar, PAC, etc., displayed their products. The Fort at No. 4 had a display. An attendant was on duty to supply information, give directions and answer questions. We thank all those people who helped make this a special place in Charlestown for travelers and tourists to stop. We especially appreciated the great support and enthusiasm from the Seniors.

CHARLESTOWN YARD SALE DAY was again a great success. It brought many people to town and left local yard salers with their pockets jingling afterwards. Again, excess funds were put in the Pride in Charlestown Scholarship Fund.

Another of our rewarding activities has been the local community newspaper, *OUR TOWN*. It has grown from four pages to eight, and sometimes twelve. Since its beginning, its founder Sue Dexter has been the main "Man for all Seasons" regarding the paper, being responsible for everything to get the paper out. Recently, as the paper has grown and the time commitments have increased, Sue has finally asked for help and now the effort is shared by our committee. We thank Sue for her faith, boundless energy and effort in keeping *OUR TOWN*

alive. We ask anyone with an interest in helping with the newspaper, to contact us. We always need help.

Another project of great satisfaction was the Community Profile. The steering committee was initiated by Shirley Wakeman and the Charlestown Rotary Club and the co-chairmen were Pat Royce and Omer C. Ahern Jr. The event culminated in September with the involvement of about 150 Charlestown residents and business people. The purpose was to discuss various ideas and views about the future wants and needs of our community. It was a great success. You will learn more about this when you read the Final Report.

The project with the rest area on Route 12 across from CEDA Park was special. It was discovered that the Town of Charlestown was responsible for this area. With all the stories and rumors about the uses of this area, it was determined to clean it up, move the tables out front, cut some of the shrouding overgrowth, and make it look clean and presentable for a family rest stop in Charlestown. We thank those people who took the time and effort to enhance this spot.

The recent community event that we still plan is the *DAY OF CHRISTMAS IN CHARLESTOWN*. It really has turned into a very special day to herald in the Christmas season in the early part of December, before it gets too busy. We want to highlight the lights on Main Street and the Library property, along with street decorations and activities for children in the *ELVES WORKSHOP*. This year we also had church tours, music and singing, various food and gift sales, as well as quilt and hooked rug displays. We appreciate all the support for this community wide event and know that the more activities that can be planned for this day, the more success everyone will realize. The *DAY OF CHRISTMAS IN CHARLESTOWN* is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, 1997. Plan your event now and enjoy community wide promotion, fun and success.

Our program for 1997 will include the continuation and expansion of OUR TOWN. We hope to provide more information on a monthly basis regarding community activities. We have started a calendar of events on the back page as a monthly list of events. We want reports from civic groups and church groups, reports from the Selectmen and the planning board, reports from the recreation committee and the Seniors: news and information about the vitality and activities

that make Charlestown a great place to live!

We're also beginning to work on the beautification of the entrances to Charlestown. This will include a highway cleanup and maintenance program for group participation, and also new attractive Community Signs at the entrances to Town. We will help with the Sullivan County Agricultural Fair in September.

Of course, we should all be aware of the *SIEGE* at the Fort at No. Four in July. We will be helping by promoting the wearing of colonial outfits by the businesses in the immediate area, and with a focus on our Welcome Center as an information area. Because of this involvement, the *CHARLESTOWN YARD SALE DAY* will be postponed for a year, until July of 1998.

The status of the location of our Welcome Center depends on the plans of the Selectmen, but we intend to continue the success of this activity wherever we can.

Our routine meetings are Monday at 6:30 PM at Maplehedge. Anyone with ideas or willing to give a little time and effort is welcome. We have to remember that community spirit and participation make Charlestown special. Lastly, we want to thank our Community for their continued support in our effort to Promote Charlestown.

We Remain CEDA/ Tourism:

Joan De Brine, Vice President Sue Dexter Brenda Ferland, Treasurer
George Grabe, President Lee Howard, Secretary Nancy Thibodeau
Sue Richardson Pat Royce Carolyn Towle Jeff Towle
and our advisor from the Eagle Times, David Kersula.

HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

JANUARY 1, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1996

ANNUAL REPORT

In 1996, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Charlestown. The following information represents a projection of HCS's activities in your community in 1996. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1996 and an estimate of usage during October,~ November- and December.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	1,054 Visits
Child Health Nursing	5 Visits
Physical Therapy	367 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	7 Visits
Medical Social Work	45 Visits
Outreach	5 Visits
Nutritionist	3 Visits
Home Health Aide	1,010 Visits
Continuous Care Nursing	5,974 Hours
Homemaker	1,794 Hours
Office Visits	33 Visits
Child Health Program	26 Children
Home & Community Based Services*	6,120 Hours

*Home and Community Based Care is a Medicaid program which offers extended home care services to individuals who are in need of nursing home level care but can be maintained at home for a lower cost.

Total Unduplicated Residents-Served: 157

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1996 with all funding sources is projected to be \$512,994.39.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 1997, we recommend an appropriation of \$24,500.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

Thank you for your consideration.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BUILDING ASSOCIATION

1996 has been a relatively quiet year for the Medical Building Association. The front and rear parking lots were seal-coated during the summer. This fall a large tree was taken down and the stump was ground out. During the course of the year routine maintenance persists.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Neill
Kenneth Place
Brenda Ferland

SULLIVAN COUNTY NUTRITION SERVICE

Sullivan Nutrition delivered over 7600 meals in Charlestown during the 1995-1996 fiscal year. We served over 5800 meals at the congregate site in Charlestown during the same period. We provided over 200 units of outreach service to Charlestown during this period.

The home delivered nutrition services program provides nutritious meals to older Americans, particularly those in greatest economic and social need, who are homebound by reason of illness or disability and to those who are otherwise isolated due to transportation problems. Services are designed to maintain or improve the health of these older Americans, preserve and support their independence and prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization.

The congregate program provides a daily noon meal to seniors in Charlestown at our congregate site in the Municipal Building Community Room. This program provides our senior citizens with a nutritious meal and a chance to socialize with other senior citizens.

Sullivan Nutrition provides over 95,000 meals each year to the senior citizens of Sullivan County. 65,000 of these meals are home delivered. Our meals-on-wheels drivers are responsible for checking on our clients each day when a meal is delivered. If there are any problems, the appropriate person or agency will be notified.

We are presently facing budget cuts in many of the Human Services Agencies throughout the nation and the state. At the present time we are not sure how much the cuts might be to the Nutrition program. We may not lose any of our state and federal funding. It is a wait and see situation.

Sullivan Nutrition wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of Charlestown for your support of the Sullivan Nutrition program. Your concern for the senior citizens of Charlestown and Sullivan County is to be commended. We are very thankful for the financial assistance we receive from the citizens of Charlestown.

Sincerely,
Rodney Walker, Executive Director
Sullivan County Nutrition Services

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 1996

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Study, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Charlestown residents have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members is attached.

In 1996, our work specifically for the Town of Charlestown included:

- Wrote a request for proposal for industrial zone study
- Provided model performance standards and definitions for industrial uses and information about designating an industrial zone
- Discussed protection options for North Charlestown village
- Provided information on fair-share housing analysis
- Met with Planning Board to review Scenic Byway Inventory
- Created and provided map of agricultural lands, prime agricultural soils and protected lands

Our Commission looks forward to serving Charlestown in the coming year.

1996 ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Sullivan County Economic Development Council
(SCEDC)

The following are some of the highlights of successful activities of the Sullivan County Economic Development Council for the year 1996.

- A. Obtained another Community Development Block Grant from the Office of State Planning for the County. Their Grant will allow SCEDC to expand its staff to four people in order to better assist the businesses within the County.
- B. Continued to provide managerial and financial assistance to the Claremont Foundry. They currently employ 52 people with plans to expand even further.
- C. Assisted East Coast Steel, Inc. with its merger to the Claremont facility. They are now completely relocated to Claremont and are employing some 150 people with additional plans to expand.
- D. Managed to expand our Revolving Loan Funds to approximately \$1 million dollars. This money is utilized in stabilizing and assisting County businesses to strengthen their financial positions.
- E. Issued a Start-up loan to Maple Leaf Technologies and helped them locate to Charlestown.
- F. Assisted Clyde River Enterprises receive financial assistance to relocate from Windsor, Vermont to Charlestown.

Our labor task force, after two years of meetings, has finally shaped the scope of information that we feel we need to bring the Sullivan County work-force into the 21st Century. SCEDC has joined forces with the New Hampshire Community Technical College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the US Census Bureau to jointly survey and monitor the area's labor picture. This will involve surveys, phone calls, creation of data bases, and development of on-going programs to enhance our ability to compete now and into the future.

SCEDC continues to market the region and its work-force around the world in hopes of acquiring healthy, good-paying jobs for the citizens of Sullivan County.

Any resident having questions relating to this report may contact SCEDC at (603)543-1298.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Marro
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) continues to play an important role in Charlestown's economic growth and quality of life. As the national headquarters for America's oldest and largest conservation volunteer organization, Charlestown benefits both from activities that draw volunteers from across the United States to SCA's main offices and from the Association's continued service and commitment to the community.

In 1996, SCA directed the public relations efforts for the Sullivan County Agricultural Festival, which was held in Charlestown during the fall. These efforts resulted in print advertisements in *Yankee Magazine's* Travel Guide and the *Boston Globe*, public service radio announcements on no fewer than ten New Hampshire and Vermont stations, and feature stories in several editions of the *Eagle Times*, the *Valley News*, and the *News Leader*. Radio station Q106 broadcast live from the event, during which visitors from as far away as Boston came to enjoy a day of fun and festivities celebrating Sullivan County agriculture.

Also this year, SCA staff members assisted with trail work at Hubbard State Forest that was requested by town leaders. Specifically, SCA staff members flagged a proposed trail that would connect two ends of an existing trail to create a loop trail of more than a mile. Once the trail was flagged, SCA arranged for Bob Spoerl of the New Hampshire State Park System to walk the proposed trail and ensure that its construction will not negatively impact any endangered species or historical and archeological artifacts in the area. SCA is hopeful that in 1997 a crew of AmeriCorps members will be able to build the half-mile trail.

In an ongoing relationship with the Fall Mountain Regional School, SCA supported the Fall Mountain High School's celebration of Earth Day by loaning tools and equipment for students to use on various work projects. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the years ahead.

With 45 employees in Charlestown, SCA also contributes to the local economy and SCA's strong growth promises continued opportunities in the future. In addition, more than 200 visitors travel to our North Charlestown headquarters for training sessions and meetings each year, aiding Charlestown's growing hospitality industry.

Charlestown has been home to SCA for nearly two decades and we are pleased to have a strong and growing partnership with the town and the surrounding communities. We invite residents to visit SCA's offices on River Road for additional information about our quality programs and opportunities for national and community service.

ANNUAL REPORT MEETING WATERS YMCA

This past summer, 32 children from Charlestown attended the YMCA Lewis Day Camp, on Route 5 in Springfield, VT. Because we think that camping is such a vital part of the childhood experience, we were pleased to work in partnership with the town to provide scholarship opportunities for 13 of these campers. Seven of the scholarships were financed by the Town of Charlestown, and six additional scholarships were provided to Charlestown youngsters through the generosity of a local donor. It is heart-warming to see the gratitude expressed, by both parents and children alike, when they know they are able to have a wonderful summer experience that might not otherwise be available to them.

The Meeting Waters YMCA once again requests the amount of \$1,000 to assist in scholarship opportunities for the youngsters of Charlestown.

We thank the residents of the Town of Charlestown for their continuing support of our efforts on behalf of your children.

Sincerely,
Anita Engel
Executive Director

MARRIAGES 1996

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF GROOM/BRIDE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE OF EACH</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
JAN 16	James G. Kivler Doreen E. Hunt	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH
FEB 5	Donald Edward Twitchell Jane Marie Hayes	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH.
24	Robert Lloyd Scanlon Anne Marie Seavey	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH
MAR 27	Jeffrey Wood Brogren Julie Bea Langley	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
APR 20	Scott David Bushway Diana Constance Dutille	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
20	Craig Todd Spaulding Katrina Lea Rhoades	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
MAY 12	Rodger Leon Schroeder Robin Suzanne Forsaith	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH
23	Howard Stephen Zibbell Valerie Jennette Horn	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH

25	Rodrick Steven Bailey Stephanie Ann Black	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
JUNE 1	Robert Kenneth Knight Heidi Marie Gosselin	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Cornish, NH
1	Timothy Scott Cheney, Sr. Jace Larreen Blish	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
22	Charles Henry Conklin, III Heather Gail Gerrard	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
22	Wendell Philip Kennett Shirley Ann Hall	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
23	Baron Andre Dorgan Rachel Ann Simpson	Banbury, England Banbury, England	Charlestown, NH
29	Earl James Shedlock, Jr. Brandy Jo Tenney	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
29	Ronald James Courtemanche Harriet Ileen Fuller	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
JULY 6	Bradley Cameron Malcolm Kathleen Ann McVinney	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Langdon, NH

MARRIAGES 1996

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF GROOM/BRIDE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE OF EACH</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
14	Richard Kevin Hart Patti-Sue Leach	Charlestown, NH. Charlestown, NH	Gilford, NH
20	Robert Arthur Meier, Sr. Barbara Carignan Fuller	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
20	Christopher James Harrington Tonya Lynn Combs	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Newport, NH
20	Jeffrey Michael Miller Megan Joan Melcher	Colchester, VT Colchester, VT	Charlestown, NH
25	Russell Joseph Williams Joann Marie Wright	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
27	Brent Charles Church Sherrie Lynn Fuller	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH
27	Allen Paul Clough Joan Marie Leavitt	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
AUG 1	Keith Robert Landry Becky Marie Williams	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH

3	Rozwell George Mason Jennifer Margaret Martino	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Claremont, NH
6	Lloyd Brady Holmes Carole Ann Lewis	Charlestown, NH No. Stonington, CT	Charlestown, NH
17	Richard Lyle Blake Melanie Binaghi	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Keene, NH
24	Russell Aaron Rahbany Sarah Ruth Chamberlain	West Orange, NJ New York, NY	Charlestown, NH
SEPT 7	Justin Prett Shaw Jean Louise Orleans	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Acworth, NH
14	Michael Raymond Montroy Laura May Bellefeuille	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
14	Lawrence Crainich Dianne Marie Jelliffe	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Newbury, NH
21	David Draper Cook Tracy Marie Snide	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
28	Patrick James Tarmey Ann Haseltine	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, N.H.	Acworth, NH

MARRIAGES 1996

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME OF GROOM/BRIDE</u>	<u>RESIDENCE OF EACH</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
OCT 5	Gerald Guy Best, II Denise Louise Audet	Claremont, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
26	Jason Richard Pierce Michelle Lynn Seale	Springfield, VT Springfield, VT	Charlestown, NH
DEC 24	Hugh Rodney Perkins, Jr. Paula Wendy Knight	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
25	Todd Albert Porter Julie Ann Bacon	Charlestown, NH Charlestown, NH	Charlestown, NH
28	Matthew Drew Miller Annemarie Elizabeth Fuchslocher	Durham, NC Durham, NC	Charlestown, NH

BIRTHS 1996

<u>NAME OF FATHER\MOTHER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>
Gary Alan Ferland Michele Lee Miller	JAN 3	Claremont, NH	Lindsey Megan Ferland
Timothy Warren Pleisch Bernice May Jowett	11	Springfield, VT	Brianna Elizabeth Pleisch
Raymond Richgard Paskerta Penny Ann Livingston	18	Springfield, VT	Patricia Ann Paskerta
Ronald James Byczko Deborah Marie Pyatak	FEB 2	Claremont, NH	James Graham Byczko
Thomas Alec Supernois Tina Marie Allen	3	Claremont, NH	Autumn Lynn Supernois
Donald Edward Twitchell Jane Marie Hayes	7	Springfield, VT	Brittney Leahana Twitchell
Mark Paul Bushway Tammy Lynn Regan	12	Claremont, NH	Chloe Sullivan Bushway
Mark Gregory Rutkowski Rebecca H. Stec	18	Lebanon, NH	William Edmund Rutkowski

Gary Wayne Colburn Hope Yvonne Desharnais	MAR 3	Claremont, NH	Heather Lynn Colburn
Raymond Eugene Crosby Stephanie Rose Creem	5	Claremont, NH	Collin Raymond Crosby
Wade Corwin McAllister Meredith Brooks Piletz	9	Lebanon, NH	Madalyn Mary McAllister
Robert Arthur Lambert Melissa Jene Tenney	19	Claremont, NH	Tori Jean Lambert
Glenn Richard Baron Cheryl Ann Patterson	APR 30	Claremont, NH	Cody Ray Baron
Gary Melvin Coolidge, Jr. Barbara Brooks Spear	MAY 2	Springfield, VT	Kyle Justin Coolidge
Kenneth Scott Fairbrother Nancy Marie Jordan	6	Claremont, NH	Lindsay Marie Fairbrother
Patrick Sean Curran Laura Ann Taylor	17	Lebanon, NH	Caitlyn Alexandra Curran
Dana Canning Rogers Marie Leona Lavoie	JUNE 28	Claremont, NH	Amanda Lee-Ellen Rogers

BIRTHS 1996

<u>NAME OF FATHER\MOTHER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>
Thomas Edwin Haynes Stacey Ann Boyle	JULY 24	Charlestown, NH	Kristen Rose Haynes
Craig Todd Spaulding Katrina Lea Hjulstrom	AUG 6	Claremont, NH	Shannon Lea Spaulding
Michael Paul Tewksbury Rhonda Renee King	9	Lebanon, NH	Marisa Jo Tewksbury
Arthur Michael Peck Connie Renee Manley	23	Claremont, NH	Dylan Michael Peck
Jason Matthew McCaffrey Audrey Lynn White	23	Lebanon, NH	Austin Thomas McCaffrey
Angelo Paul Ells Kristin Rebekah MacLeod	29	Springfield, VT	Matthew Paul MacLeod Ells
Donald Lewis Spaulding Tracy Ann Fabrycky	30	Claremont, NH	Connor Lewis Spaulding
Kevin Morse Grimsley Sheila Elizabeth Cunningham	SEPT 17	Springfield, VT	Troy Allan Grimsley

Bruce Richard Pilvelait Kimberley Ann Downey	NOV 9	Lebanon, NH	Thomas James Pilvelait
John Donald Judkins Stephanie Jon Pellerin	14	Claremont, NH	Kristina Deanna Judkins

DEATHS 1996

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
JAN 5	Kenneth Robert Quinn	Claremont, NH
11	Leon Warren Bryant, Jr.	Charlestown, NH
30	Clinton Reginald Howard	Charlestown, NH
FEB 9	Beatrice Louise Gregoire	Claremont, NH
9	Thelma Louise Sidney	Lebanon, NH
21	Avis Elinor Laramie	Claremont, NH
MAR 3	Martha Frizzell	Unity, NH
12	James Hinton Motes	Lebanon, NH
16	William Elbridge Barnett, Sr.	Hartford, VT
21	Georgianna Beatrice Jacques	Unity, NH
25	Royston C. Timms	Springfield, VT
28	Thelma Veronica Lambert	Claremont, NH
29	Lynn W. Fullam, Jr.	Springfield, VT
APR 10	Carmella Theresa Curcio	Claremont, NH
MAY 9	Robert Sheldon Snyder	Springfield, VT
16	Bertha P. Reardon	Claremont, NH
16	Dorothy W. Kimball	Springfield, VT
23	Douglas Haig Robinson, I	Claremont, NH
24	Joseph Francis Gillies	Claremont, NH
25	Elizabeth Anna Thomsen	Lebanon, NH
31	Virginia a. Strobeck	Claremont, NH
JUNE 4	William Francis Lawrence	Claremont, NH
16	David E. Ward	Windsor, VT
JULY 13	Albert Joseph Shepa, Sr.	Charlestown, NH
22	Grace B. Damore	Springfield, VT
AUG 5	Orin Edward Bascom	Charlestown, NH
6	Kenneth Loren Weaver, Sr.	Charlestown, NH
10	Arthur Michael Peck	Charlestown, NH
SEPT 19	Gerard Francis Muller, Jr.	Claremont, NH
25	Joan Doris Smith	Lebanon, NH
OCT 3	Harley Walter Prentiss	Keene, NH
21	James Crawford Auld	Charlestown, NH
22	Philip Westgate Shaw	Claremont, NH
NOV 12	Lena J. Stevens	Springfield, VT
22	Robert M. Mcdevitt	Springfield, VT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
23	David R Meyette, Sr.	Claremont, NH
DEC 2	James T. Grffin, III	Lebanon, NH
3	Alice Elizabeth Lovell	Charlestown, NH
13	James Douglas Reavis	Claremont, NH
18	Emily J. Albertz	Claremont, NH
21	Dorothy Clara Schmitt	Charlestown, NH
22	James Henry Child	Claremont, NH

TRANSFER STATION COMMITTEE REPORT

After Town Meeting of 1996, a Committee was formed to study the operations of the Transfer Station, to determine if the operation could be improved upon from either an economic or efficiency stand-point.

During the year, the committee visited a number of other facilities, in order to gather ideas as to what changes could be instituted to improve our handling of materials.

Because we have the scales we have been able to weigh trash received from the haulers and to calculate the relative percentages brought to the Transfer Station by individuals versus that brought by commercial haulers. The breakdown in 1996 was 55% from the haulers and 45% from individuals.

In reviewing the cost of disposal, it is apparent that the residential customer pays a much higher proportion of the to dispose of trash put in the hopper at the facility.

As a result of our investigation, we will be making a recommendation to the Selectmen for consideration in conjunction with their customary review of rate changes for all Town services, during the month of May.

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar Makinen
Robert Beaudry
Jon LeClair
Dennis Boivin
Ron LeClair

WATER DEPARTMENT 1996

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1996

\$80,708.18

Deposits:

Rents-current	\$261,771.76
Interest-current	\$ 640.83
Rents-prior yrs.	\$ 86,214.34
Interest-prior yrs.	\$ 5,038.35
Connections-current	\$ 1,500.00
Meters-current	\$ 2,012.88
Misc. fees-(turn ons, reimbs.)	\$ 1,296.21
Interest on investments	\$ 3,620.55
Accounts received-prior yrs.	\$ 280.62
Comp Funds-return	\$ 1,454.73
Sewer Department-1995	\$ 3,275.00
State of NH - Bull Run Grant	\$ 28,749.75
State of NH-reimb. (Lovers Lane)	<u>\$ 31,894.00</u>
	\$427,749.02

TOTAL

\$508,457.20

Expenditures:

Water Commissioners	\$ 1,800.00
Salaries - employees	\$ 75,773.58
FICA/Medicare	\$ 5,934.40
Comp Funds-unemp., work. comp.	\$ 1,533.13
NH Retirement	\$ 2,477.59
NHMA - health, life, disability	\$ 11,208.92
Business Mgmt-comp. software	\$ 165.14
Engineering	\$ 4,862.14
Telephone	\$ 1,937.92
Electricity	\$ 24,306.88
Heating oil	\$ 2,760.96
Property & Vehicle Insurance	\$ 1,196.00
Bldg. Maintenance	
Advanced Fire & Safety	\$ 27.05
Allen Electrical	\$ 560.75
Depot Homecenter	\$ 127.56

Portsmouth Paper	\$ 110.70	
R.N. Johnson	\$ 7.29	
Rick s Electric	\$ 35.00	
St. Pierre Inc.	\$ 66.29	
Treas.-State of NH	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	
Total Bldg. Maintenance		\$ 959.64

Line Maintenance

Arthur Whitcomb	\$ 3.15	
E.J. Prescott	\$3,721.00	
Frederick Farrar	\$ 338.18	
Precision Const.	\$ 391.00	
Pump Systems Inc.	\$7,005.34	
Red Hed Supply	\$ 228.82	
Rick's Electric	\$ 646.20	
St. Pierre Inc.	\$ 235.73	
VT Waterworks	\$ 224.57	
F.W.Webb	<u>\$ 28.19</u>	
Total Line Maintenance		\$12,822.18

Plant Maintenance

A & M Automotive	\$ 11.25	
Norm Beaudry-Bull Run	\$ 170.82	
Frederick Farrar	\$3,092.40	
Flowrite Valve Service	\$1,194.16	
Paul Howard-mowing	\$ 130.00	
Marro Homecenter	\$ 13.90	
Rick's Electric	\$ 92.95	
Rockingham Electric	\$ 14.44	
Ti-Sales Inc.	<u>\$ 290.66</u>	
Total Plant Maintenance		\$5,010.58

Tasco Security-alarm monitoring	\$ 789.57
Dues & courses	\$ 585.00
Gasoline	\$1,361.23
Vehicle Expense	

A&M Automotive	\$ 697.66
Bigelow's Welding	\$ 365.30
American Plate Glass	\$ 3.50

Canon Tire	\$ 322.76
GMS Hydraulics	\$ 98.96
Grappone Industrial	\$ 132.12
R.N. Johnson	\$ 42.08
Sanel Auto Parts	\$ 255.49
Wal-Mart	\$ 59.97
White House Auto	<u>\$ 267.00</u>

Total Vehicle Expense

\$ 2,244.84

Office Supplies

Cartographic Assoc.	\$ 15.00
ECP/LRBF Inc.	\$ 97.67
Fall Mtn. Printing	\$ 44.00
Kimball's	\$ 62.50
Main St. Etc.	\$ 41.34
Rick's Electric	\$ 16.50
Patricia Royce-reimb.	\$ 18.23
Viking Office Products	\$ 178.54
Wal-Mart	<u>\$ 19.14</u>

Total Office Supplies

\$ 492.92

Postmaster

\$ 410.00

Tests

\$ 6,102.79

Debt & Interest

\$125,061.87

Chemicals

\$ 4,026.60

Meter Install. & Repair

Frederick Seal	\$ 121.80
Red Hed Supply	\$1,020.57
Rick's Electric	\$ 143.25
St. Pierre Inc.	\$ 6.86
VT Waterworks	<u>\$1,568.62</u>

Total Meter Install. & Repair

\$ 2,861.10

Equipment

A&M Automotive	\$ 14.48
EJ Prescott	\$ 231.90
Hydraulic Jack Service	\$ 80.35
Lab Safety Supply	\$ 79.22
Red Hed Supply	\$ 29.17
R.N. Johnson	\$ 1.08

SOS Metal	\$ 311.13	
Steve Fellows	<u>\$ 111.00</u>	
Total Equipment		\$ 858.33
Uniforms		\$1,045.05
General Expenses		
Amerigas	\$ 104.55	
Beaudry Enterprise	\$ 80.00	
Central VT Railway	\$ 250.00	
Depot Homecenter	\$ 815.30	
Eagle Times	\$ 222.22	
Health Services	\$ 47.50	
Page New England	\$ 45.00	
Plodzik & Sanderson	\$ 1,000.00	
Ralph's Supermarket	\$ 43.02	
Richard LeDrew-reimb.	\$ 6.75	
Rick's Electric	\$ 9.00	
Steve Fellows	\$ 4.80	
Treas.-State of NH	\$ 25.00	
VRH Education Department	\$ 20.00	
Wal-Mart	\$ 24.93	
Zee Medical Service	<u>\$ 34.90</u>	
Total Gen. Expenses		\$2,732.97
Freight Road Improvements		
EJ Prescott	\$ 783.22	
Red Hed Supply	<u>\$ 180.00</u>	
Total Freight Rd. Improvements		\$ 963.22
Lovers Lane Improvements		
Arthur Whitcomb	\$ 374.00	
EJ Prescott	\$34,109.23	
Marro Homecenter	\$ 224.76	
Red Hed Supply	\$ 86.42	
Rockingham Electric	\$ 107.46	
T&M Associates	<u>\$ 1,648.48</u>	
Total Lovers Ln. Improvements		\$ 39,550.35
Total 1996 Expenses		\$341,834.90

Other Expenditures		
1995 Expenses paid in 1996	\$ 7,947.87	
Sewer Dept.-pd. in error	\$ 440.00	
Town of Charlestown-overpaid	\$14,595.86	
Total Other Expenditures		\$ 22,983.73

Total Cash Disbursements in 1996	\$364,818.63
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<u>Balance on hand December 31, 1996</u>	\$143,638.57
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Due from Sewer	\$ 480.00
Due from Gen. Fund	\$ 14,595.86
Due from Card. Haven	\$ 13,098.54
Accounts Payable	\$ 80.00

Cardinal Haven Mobile Home Park Account - Water Line

Income		
State of NH - Grant	\$332,962.00	
Cardinal Haven Co-op	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	
		\$347,962.00

Expenditures		
Superior Excavating, Inc.	\$291,354.13	
T & M Associates, Inc.	\$ 39,078.25	
Sullivan County Registry	<u>\$ 23.32</u>	
		\$330,455.70

Balance on Hand December 31, 1996	\$ 12,215.49
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Due from General Fund	\$ 5,290.81
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Due to Charlestown Water Fund - 1995 Expenses	\$ 13,098.54
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SEWER DEPARTMENT - 1996

Balance on hand January 1, 1996	\$ 92,782.56
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Deposits:

Rents and Interests - current	\$ 131,438.40
Rents and Interests - prior years	49,477.33
Connections - current	1,500.00
Dumping fees - current	5,687.00
Misc. fees - current	35.00
Interest on investments	3,093.42
State Grant	22,541.00
Accts. recieved from prior years - dumping	1,045.50
Comp. Funds of New Hampshire	1,065.22
Charlestown Water Dept. - for insurance	<u>440.00</u>
	\$ 216,322.87

Total	\$309,105.43
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Disbursements

Sewer Commissioners	\$ 1,800.00
Salaries - employees	42,981.50
FICA/Medicare	3,425.74
Comp. Funds of New Hampshire (ovpd. pr. yr.)	-125.11
NH Retirement	1,364.19
NHMA Health/Life/Dis.	7,508.13
Business Management - computer software	149.29
Building Maintenance	9,702.62
Advanced Fire and Safety	122.00
Allen Electrical Constr.	111.15
Depot Homecenter	413.10
Johnson & Dix	2,476.50
Landis & Gyr	4,976.50
Marro Home Center	49.95
Rick's Electric	898.00
Portsmouth Paper	110.70
Tasco	520.00
Treas State of NH	25.00
Telephone	1,530.50
Lab Fees	2,637.83
Electricity	18,712.68
Heating Oil	2,359.72

Property/Vehicle Ins.	2,826.00
Line Installation/Repair	1,354.85
Normand R. Beaudry	
Marro Home Center	
EJ Prescott	
Red Hed Supply	
St. Pierre Inc.	
Tom's Septic Service	
Alarm Monitoring	709.00
Office Supplies	384.10
Postage	342.82
Equipment	3,818.14
Gasoline	1,461.17
Lagoon Maintenance	3,536.23
Vehicle Maintenance	785.74
Uniforms	1,044.37
Weed Kill	1,226.81
Education	305.00
Debt - Principal and Int.	28,787.50
Tests	2,170.00
Chemicals	3,780.17
General Expenses	1,569.93
Page New England	
Depot Homecenter	
Health Services - DOT tests	
Plodzick & Sanderson - audit	
Trees, State of NH	
Ralph's	
Ken Westney - reimb.	
Lovers Lane Project	2,268.00
1995 expenses pd in 1996	2,434.94
Chas. Water Dept. - due from 1995	<u>3,275.00</u>
	-\$ 174,126.86

Money Market Acct December 31, 1996

\$134,978.57

Due to General Fund for chlorine	323.75
Due to Water Fund for insurance/rent	480.00
Due to Vt. Pipeline -Dec. 1996 unpd.	6,550.95

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